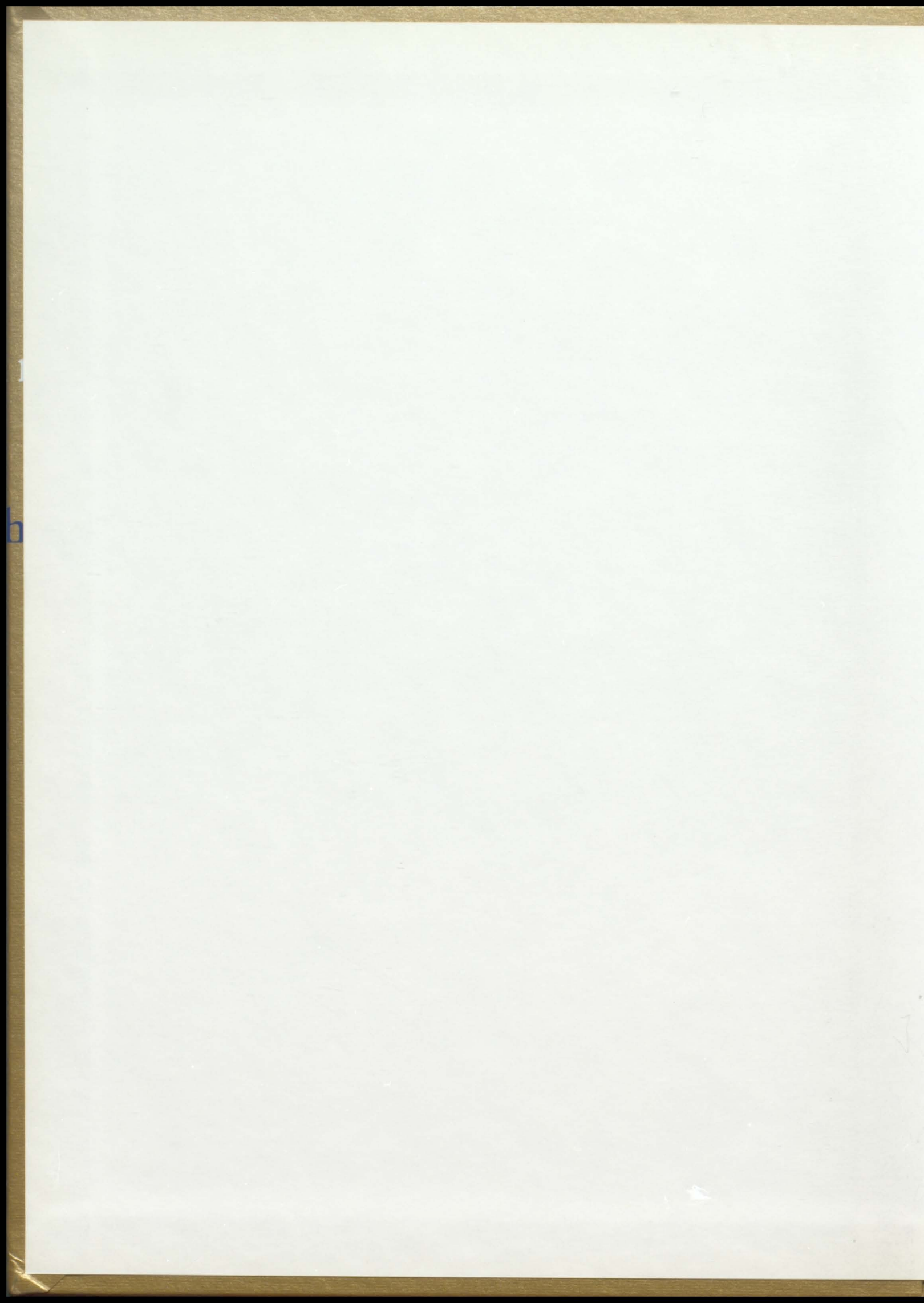
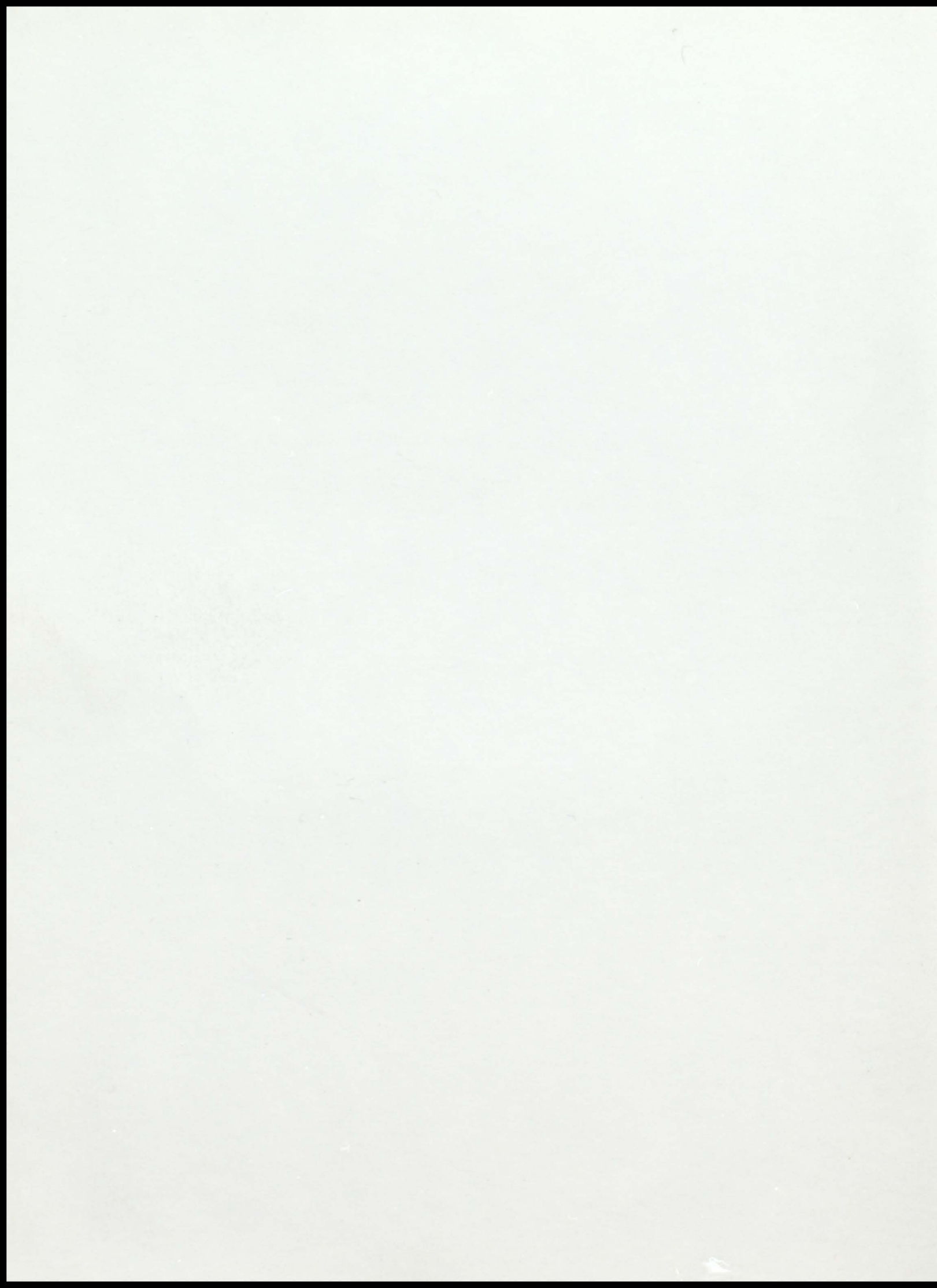


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# Senior Year

by Eunene McCearry

senior year is time for cheer,  
But often ends in pools of tears.  
Prom, graduation, and final goodbyes,  
The final finale  
The end of ties.

senior year is the Last time  
you'll see the friends  
who helped you fly,  
But at the end of graduation  
High school Life will die.  
on to new things,  
New people,  
New times,  
Class of the Go Getters and  
Class of '09.





# 09's Valedictorian



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PRINCIPAL



MR  
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LOVE

"Congratulations to the class of 2009 on a job well done. You have truly been a remarkable group of young men and women. I feel that all of you have the potential for greatness and will go on to wonderful things. I wish you the best and keep Bloomfield Tech in your hearts."

# Main Office

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MS. HALL

SECRETARY



MS. GUERRERO

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"I wish our senior class the best that life has to offer. I hope you remember your years at Bloomfield Tech fondly and have gained information to help you in life. Try to make a positive difference in your community, with your families and friends! It's been a pleasure working with you. May God be with you always"



# guidance



MRS  
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T H O M P S O N

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CAFETERIA



SECURITY





# Gym & Health



Ms. Albano

Mr. Rudy

Mr. Greenwood

# Science



Mrs. R Morales

Mr. Menadier

Mr. Jargiello



Mr. Garry

Mrs. Lauterhahn

Ms. DaSilva

Ms. Lewis

# History

# Spanish



Ms. Cabrera

Mrs. Istivan



Ms. Vanderheyden

Mrs. Diaz

Mr. Markot

Ms. Davidson

Math

Mr. Jagiatkowski

Mrs. Atfield

Ms. Landis

Ms. White

Mr. Cucolo

Mrs. Garrison

Mrs. Yamoah

Ms. Quijano

Mr. Healy

Mr. Shallcross

English



09

# Shop Teachers



Mrs. Bonilla -  
TV Production



Ms. Bailey -  
Adv. Design



Ms. Conlon - Business



Mrs. Restaino -  
Business



Ms. Ellerbe -  
Business



Ms. Barrett -  
Business



Mr. Coletta -  
Drafting



Mr. Bertelsen -  
Carpentry



Mr. Rasheed -  
Welding



Mr. Romano -  
Electric



Ms. B. Morales -  
Graphic Arts



Ms. Sutton -  
MultiMedia



Mrs. DellaVolpe -  
Adv. Design



Mrs. Ogozalek -  
Music



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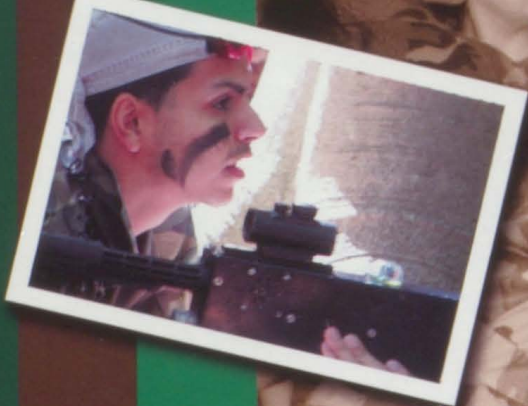


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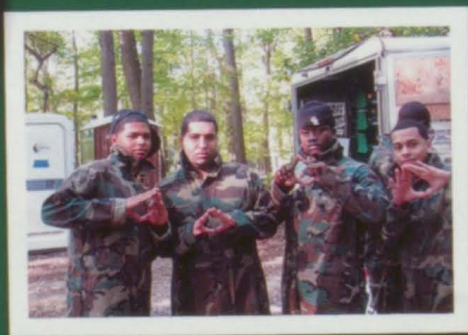
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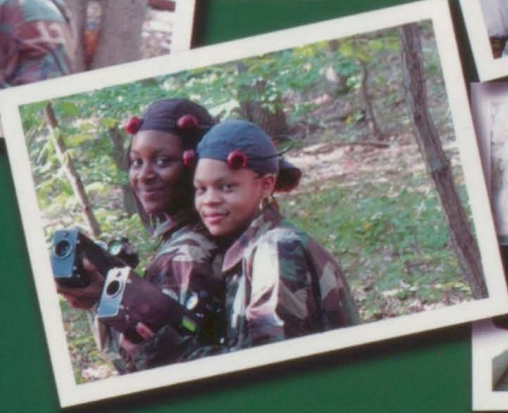
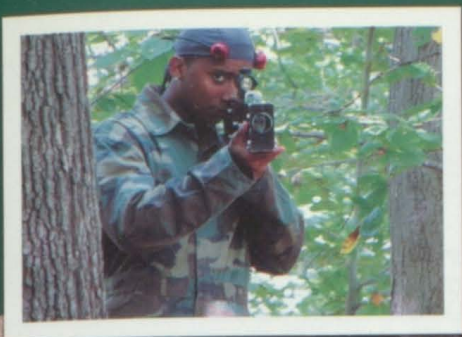




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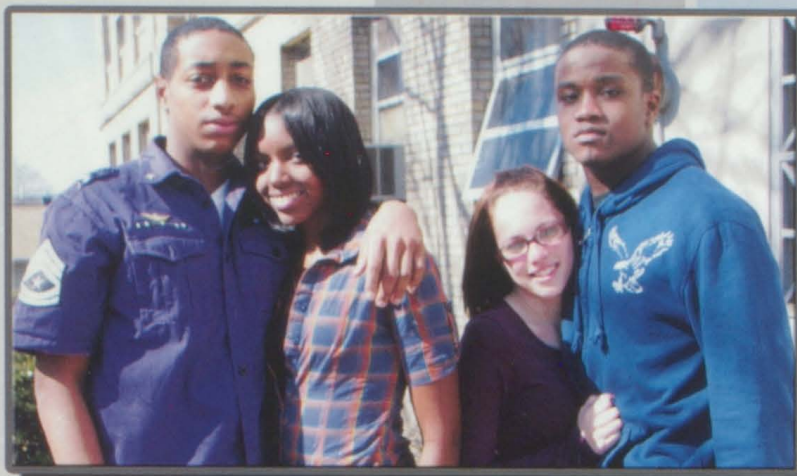








# 09 Superlatives



## class flirt

wendell, kari, Junehisy, & crhis

## most athletic

rayven, chris, diana, & keith



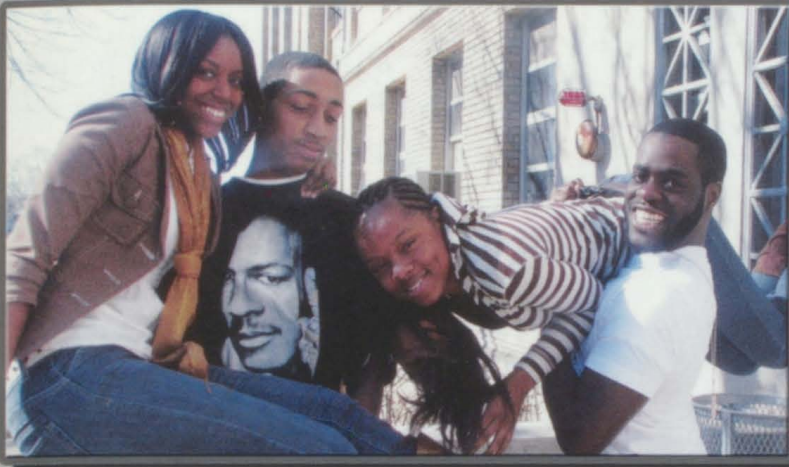
## teacher's pet

andre, Jomanda, Keith, & Rajiyah





superlatives (adj)-of highest quality or degree



## Class Clown

Kari, Wendell, Michelle, & Philip

## most quiet

Omar, Doris, Melissa, & Hildebrando



## Loudest mouth

Chris, Kari, Rajiyah, & Tasheed

## Most changed

Curstin, Lorissa, Magdeline, & Jay e





# 09 Superlatives



## class annoyance

Kari, aurelio, & michelle  
(missing Pedro- he just cant admit he's annoying)

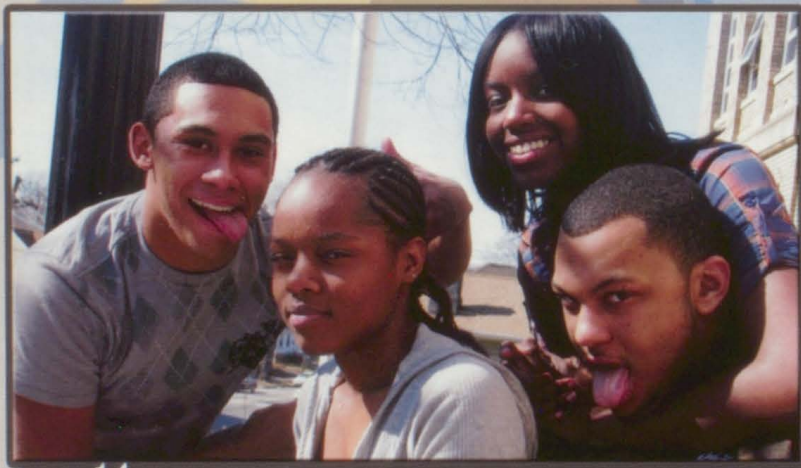
## most attractive

sedric, aimee, amanda, & Manny



## most hyper

andre, michelle, kari, & keith







## best smile

benny, nikeema, manny, & rayven

## most Dramatic

andre, courtney, & angelica  
(missing Junehisy)



## most styLish

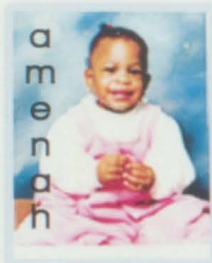
ariel, Rajiyyah, Julissa, & stanley

## best friends

Kari, nikeema, Danny, & andre







amanda



fatima



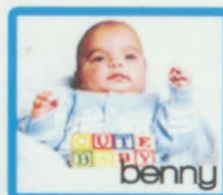
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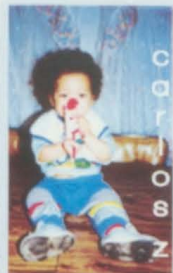
gustavo r.



nomar



benny



carlos



shermaine



melissa



nataly



kianco



alexandria



o.jay



keyonda



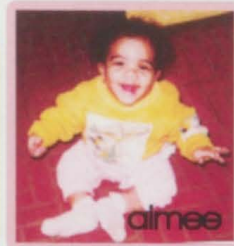
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andre



joana



almea



michele g.



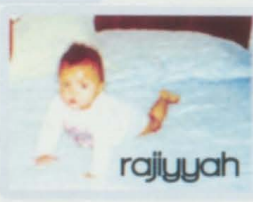
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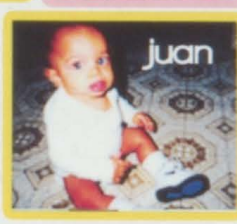
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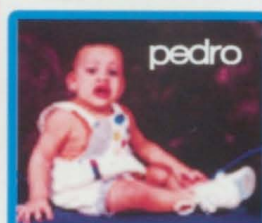
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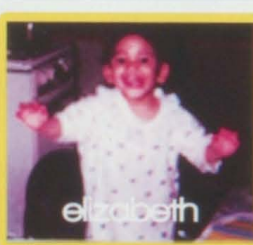
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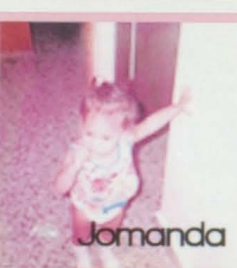
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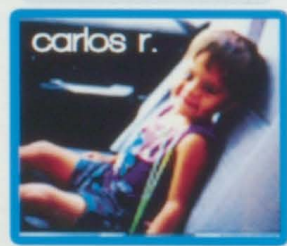
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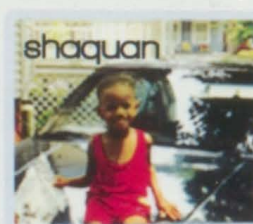
Jomanda



Michael C



carlos r.



shaquan



cudney



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anthony



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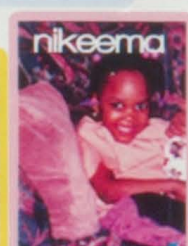
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brissa



jayleen



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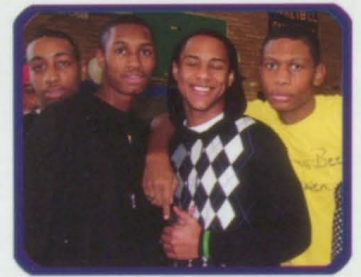
christina



wendell









# ADVERTISING & DESIGN



*Amanda Cabrera*



*Magdaline Donacien*



*Kari Elmore*



*Orvil Fearon*



*Rory Forney*



*Julissa Gonzalez*



*Janelle Medina*



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*Jayleen Perez*



*Tasheed Plant*



*Zari Pope*



*Doris Revolorio*



*Joel Vazquez*



*Dynesha Veal*

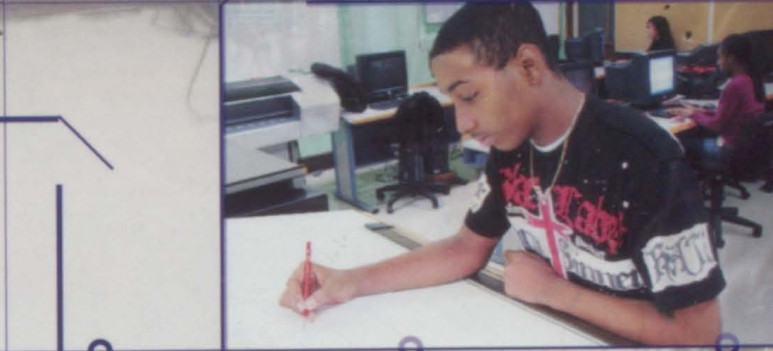
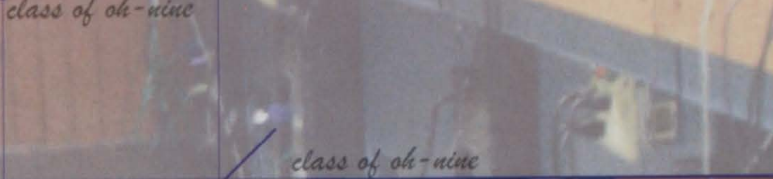
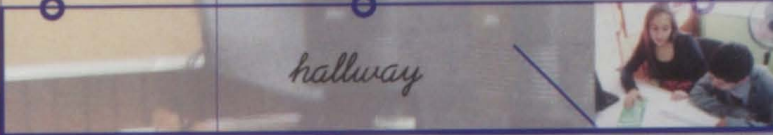


*Adrian Velez*



*Stanley Vertil*





# ART DESIGN & DRAFTING



# BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

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*Jennifer Aguilar*



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*Cydney Jackson*



*Tatiana Jarvis*



*Rayven Johnson*



*Eunene McCeary*



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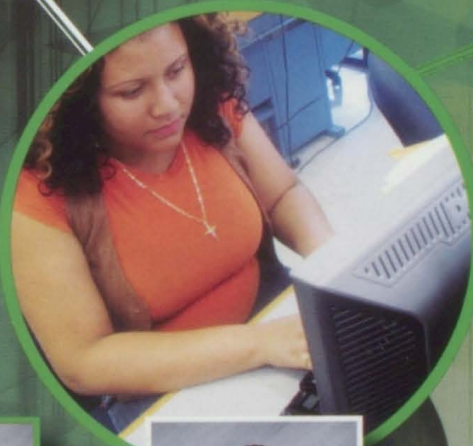
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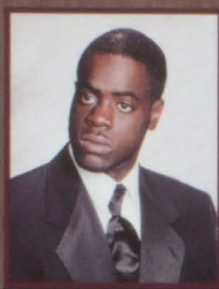
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*Phillip Foreman*



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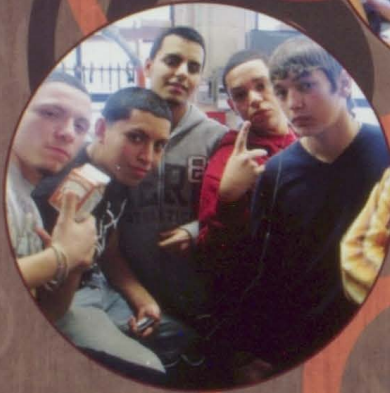
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*Nataly Mendieta*



*Danny Padilla*



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*Gustavo Romero*

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*Juan Cordero*



*Shamad Elder*



*Curtin Faison*



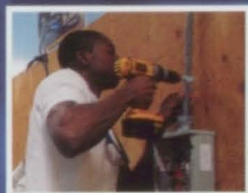
*Darrell Glover*



*Keith McKoy*



*Felix Morales*



*Christopher Morris*



*Richard Padilla*



*Andee Perez*



*Justin Reavis*



*Justin Rivera*



*Aurelio Romero*



*Mike Trani*

# ESTR



# GRAPHIC ARTS

Jomanda Bolivar



Jonathan Encarnacion



Nohely Maradiaga



Melissa Mazariegos



Lorissa Negrón



Joao Neves



Vetzabe Torres



Shermaine Waters



Sapphire Zeda





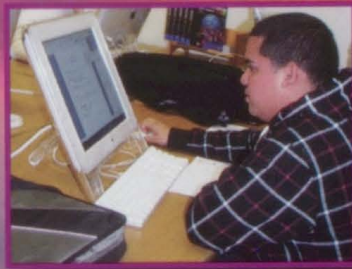
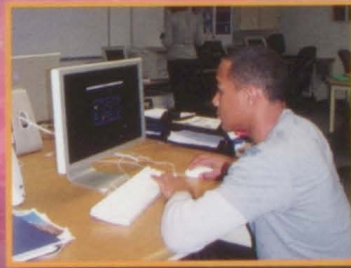
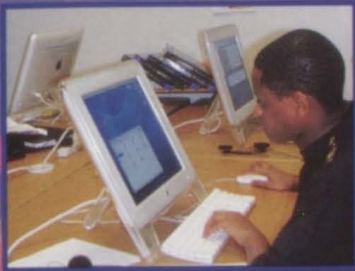
Shaquan Adams



Hildebrando Cangas



Brandan Boyer Comerie



Micheal Corbitt Jr



Bernardo Flores



Carlos Rivera

# MULTIMEDIA



# VIDEO PRODUCTION



*Elizabeth Barcelo*



*Vanille Chisolm*



*Pedro Guzman*



*Diana Hubbard*



*Courtney Johnson*



*Tanisha Keat*



*Christina Lopez*





*Nataly Benjamin*



*Manuel Calderon*



*Gustavo Narves*



*Darryel Nieves*



*Sedric Orama*



*Manny Pagan*



*Daniel Santiago*



*Nikeema Tucker*

WELDING



ESSEX COUNTY  
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL  
HIGH SCHOOL



*the class of*

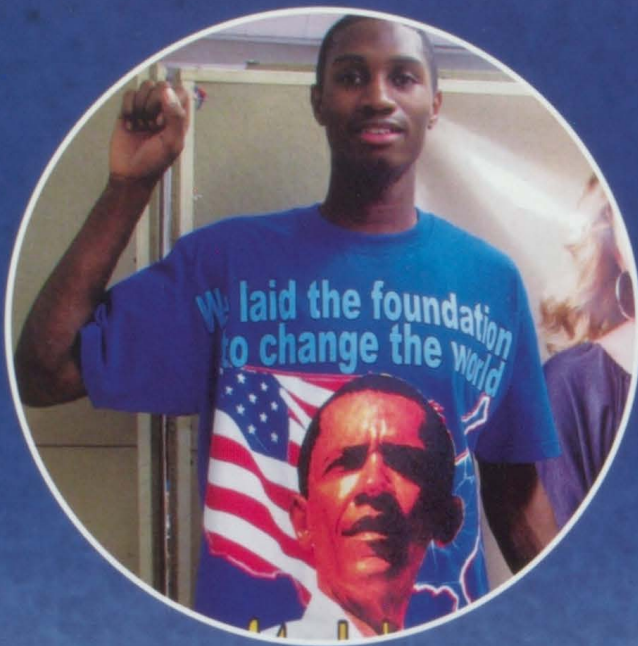




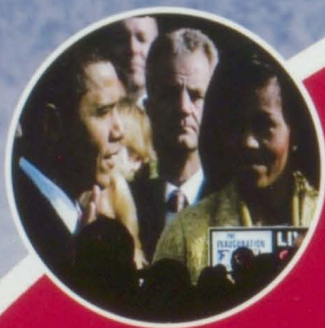
*Two thousand and nine*



# A MOMENT ....



*"It's not just enough to change the players. We've gotta change the game."*

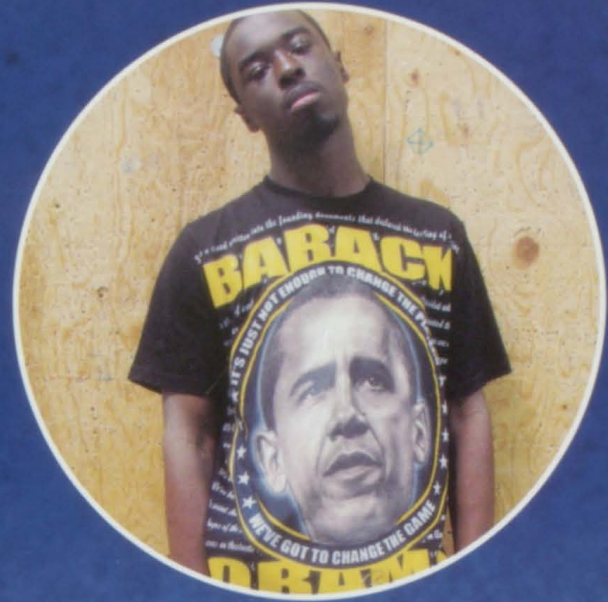


*"Our goal is to have a country that's not divided by race"*



# ... OF CELEBRATION

*"Faith doesn't mean that you don't have doubts."*



*"Faith is not just something you have, it's something you do."*

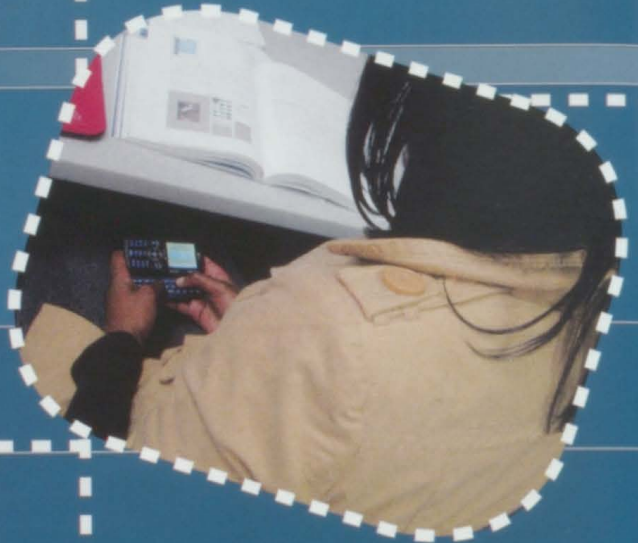


*"I am not opposed to all wars. I'm opposed to dumb wars."*





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# CONNECTION





**Bloomfield Tech**

**Seniors**

**08-09**

**Clubs &  
Activities**





# Clubs



## Yearbook:

Julissa Gonzalez, Jonathan Encarnacion,  
Jomanda Bolivar, Shermaine Waters,  
Lorissa Negron

## PSE&G CLUB:



Courtney Johnson, Alexandria  
Fitzgerald, Richard Podilla, Amenah Melvin,  
Branden Comerie, Nataly Benjamin,  
Shamad Elder, Phillip Garcia, Joseph  
Santos, Mr. Rosado

## WORK STUDY:



Junehisy Chaparro, Latoya Hendricks, Gustavo  
Naravez, Aimee Paul, Sapphire Zeda, Keith  
McKoy, Kiana Nichols, Cydney Jackson, Nataly  
Benjamin, Eunene McCearry, Amelia Strand,  
Dayana Moya, Shantea Moore, Marline  
Regalado, Dennis Vicente

## FBLA:



Michelle Walton, Nikeema Tucker, Rajiyyah Woodson, Kash-  
meer Williams, Keyonda Williams, Joseph Santos, Kari Elmore,  
Joanna Ramirez, Marline Regalado, Kaleena Smallwood, Alex  
Chaves, Kiana Nichols, Sherisse Keat, Joelle Kearney, Ronald  
Ruiz, Victoria Caban, Tionna Brown, Angela Lopez, Jerelyn  
Viruet, ShaQuill Thomas, Antonio Dawkins, Kevin Philemon,  
Reggie Anderson, Danielle Murray, Sherice Inniss, Tiana Sum-  
mers, Tamara Desjardins, Neema Daniels, Qualeem McSwain,  
Christine Albert, Steven Brown, Josh Plaza, Simena Carey



## STUDENT COUNCIL:



Brenda Gonzalez, Shermaine Waters, Nikeema Tucker, Kari Elmore, Dynesha Veal, Nataly Benjamin, Anthony Bush, Michelle Gonzalez, Rajiyyah Woodson, Neema Daniels, Antonio Dawkins

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:



Branden Comerie, Alexandria Fitzgerald, Megdaline Donacien, Melissa Mazariegos, Andre Perez, Tionna Brown, Cristina Andrade, Adrian Velez, Nataly Benjamin

## GREEN CLUB:



Amani Abdul Majeed, Andre Perez, Anthony Bush, Ashley Soto, Branden Comerie, Cristina Andrade, Christopher Reid, Dasia Stewart, Haniyyah Glenn, Jorge Arias, Neema Daniels, Qadir Shabazz, Renee Jeffries, Shaquill Thomas, Stephanie Marcano, Wasim Baksh, Desiray Orejueta, Jordan Richards, Cindy Bernard, Jamie Aldarondo, Janice Aldarondo

## DECA CLUB:



Jamie Aldarondo, Janice Aldarondo, Cindy Bernard, Lauren Quinn, Danielle Murray, Tionna Brown, ShaQuill Thomas, Joanna Ramirez, Diana Torres, Cydney Jackson, Roselyn Rodriguez



# Spirit Week

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MONDAY

*pajama day*

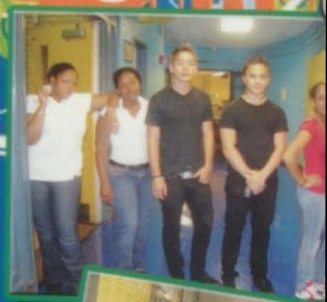


TUESDAY

*wacky tacky day*



WEDNESDAY





# R

emember back in our freshmen days, how much fun we used to have. Everybody was cool with each other because our true colors didnt really come out. We were too busy having fun to worry about grades or showing so much of school spirit. Now we're **SENIORS** and things changed. From grades & college to showing underclassmen that it's our time to shine. Class of 2009, get with it or get lost. (=

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DAY

win day

THURSDAY

sports day

FRIDAY

pep rally







MONDAY

wix/-match day

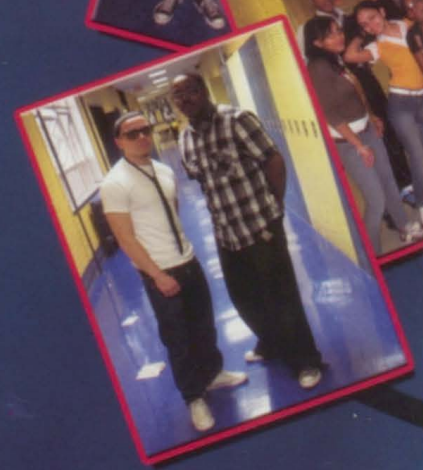


TUESDAY

st. patrick's day



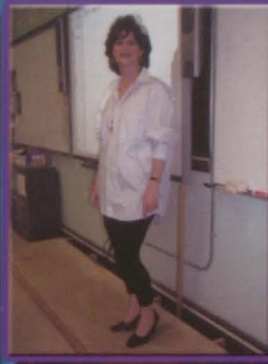
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# Spirit Week

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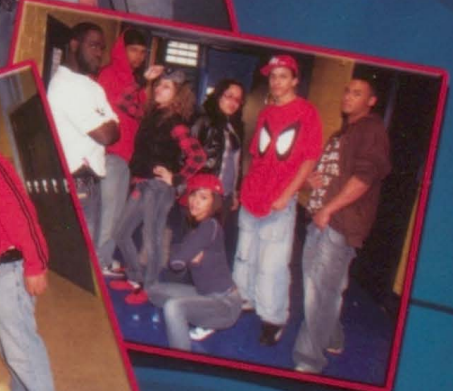
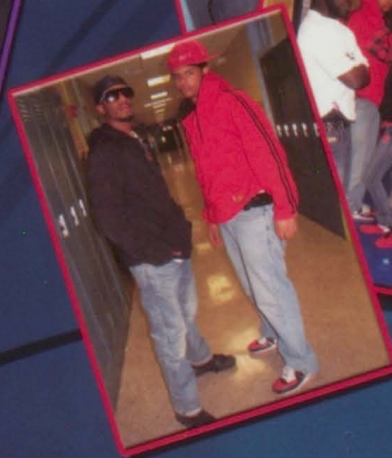
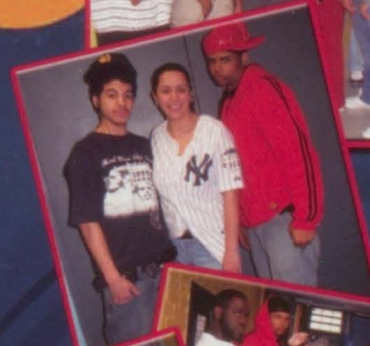
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THURSDAY

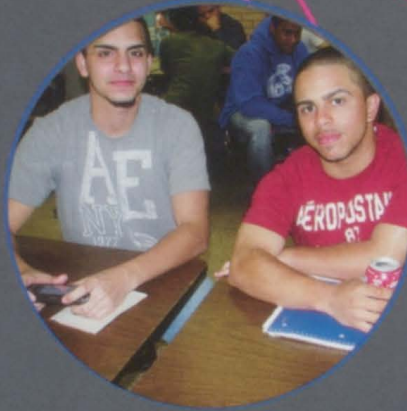
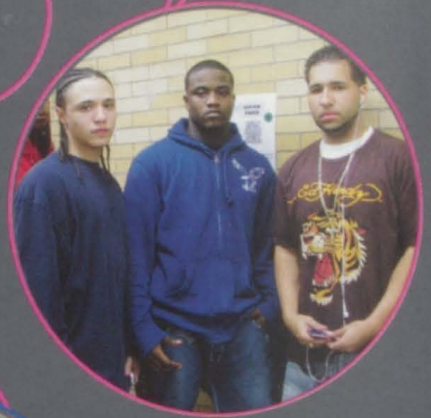
80's day

FRIDAY

urban day



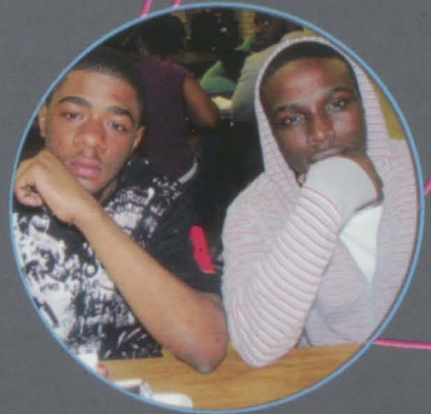




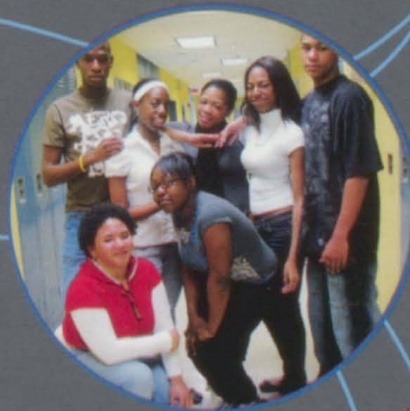
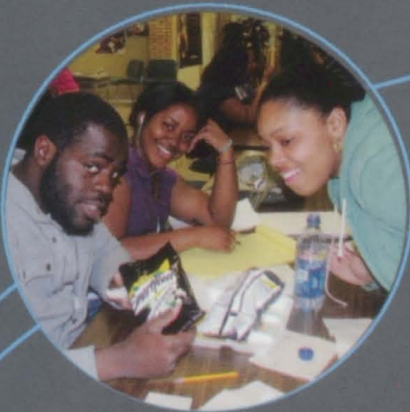
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ties blazers skirts  
pro "FRESH" ional  
Hats Vest polos







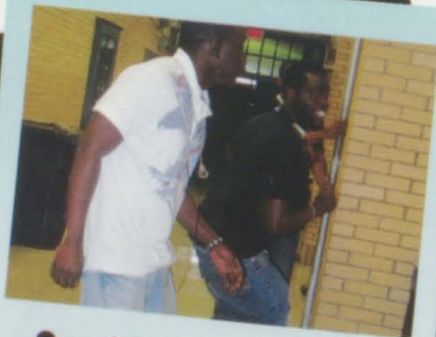
**SENIOR PRANK !!!**

**keep your heads down**



**getting some beauty sleep**

**WAKE UP DANNY !!!**



**Fun times at lunch**

**SPOTLIGHT !!!**



**picture time**

**PEACE EUNENE !!!**



**whoaaa baybayy**

**PEP RALLY TIME !!!**



**senior moments**

**TALK TALK TALK !!!**

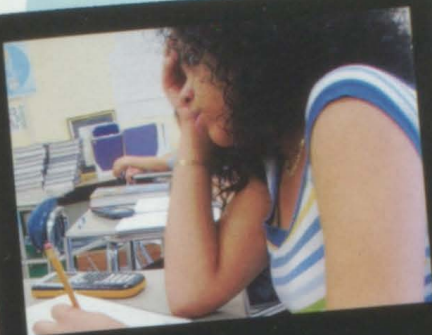


**BAD HABITS !!!**

**aurelios famous beats**



# Student Life 09



**working super hard**  
**GO HEAD AIMZ !!!**



**jill and keems acting up**  
**SILLY MOMENTS !!!**



**for the women**  
**LOL CORBITT !!!**



**SPARE TIME !!!**  
**benny and ramon**  
**playing cards**



**mission 2009**  
**\*ACCOMPLISHED\***  
**WE DID IT MAN !!!**



# Diaper Days

Everyone remembers the good old days when stress didn't include relationships and college essays but instead we were ...

- Memorizing the words To "The Fresh Prince" show
  - Raising our "GigaPets" and playing with our GameBoys
  - Wearing skorts and feeling stylish
  - Reading or watching the "Goosebumps" series
  - Sure the Pink Ranger and Green Ranger were meant to be
  - Watching movies like "Space Jam" & "The Mighty Ducks"
  - Collecting Pokemon or Yu-Gi-Oh Cards
  - Playing M.A.S.H with our closest friends
  - Having or attending birthday parties at McDonalds
  - Listening to music from "Boom Boxes" & Walkmen
  - Making decisions on "Eeny-Meeny-Miney-Moe"
- & GROWING UP TO BE THE CLASS of 2009 !!





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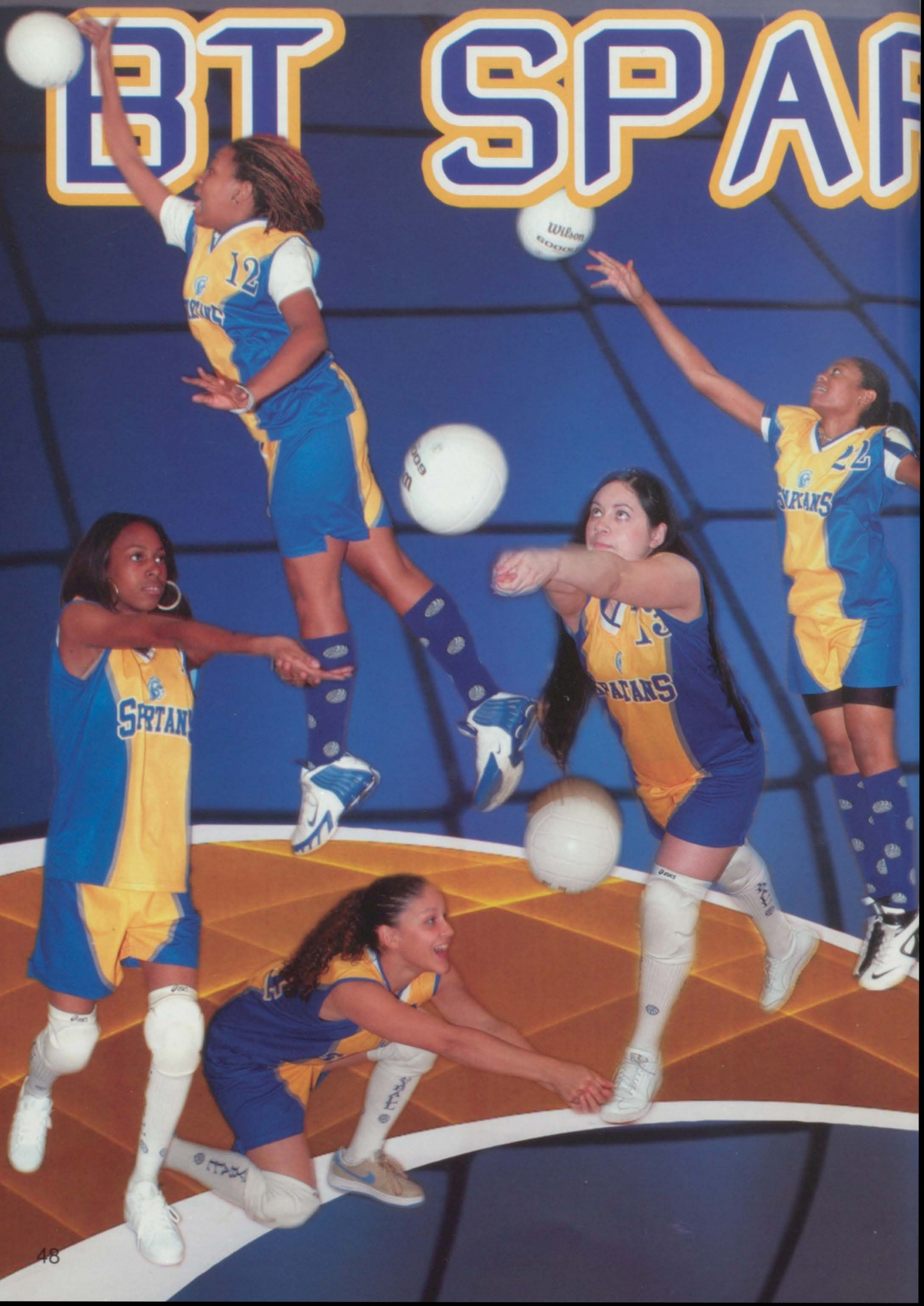
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# BT SPAR





# RTANS



*Tatiana Jarvis*

*Rory Forney*

*Cristina Lopez*

*Melissa Mazariegos*

*Ameenah Melvin*

# ✓ VOLLEYBALL





# BT BOY'S



Aurellio Romero



Gustavo Romero

*Front Row*  
*Fernando Torres*  
*Giovanni Sanchez*  
*Michael Cerna*  
*Danny Padilla*  
*Morris Cruz*  
*Christopher Gerena*  
*Meshaek Gerena*





# SOCCER

09

Daniel Padilla

Andre Perez



Back Row  
 Andrea Perez  
 Coach Menedier  
 Michelle Guzman  
 Aurelio Romero  
 Marco Bautista  
 Gustavo Romero  
 Edison Carangi  
 Rubenith Valencia  
 Steven Rodriguez  
 Natalie Mendieta  
 Coach Rudy



SPARTAN



SPARTAN



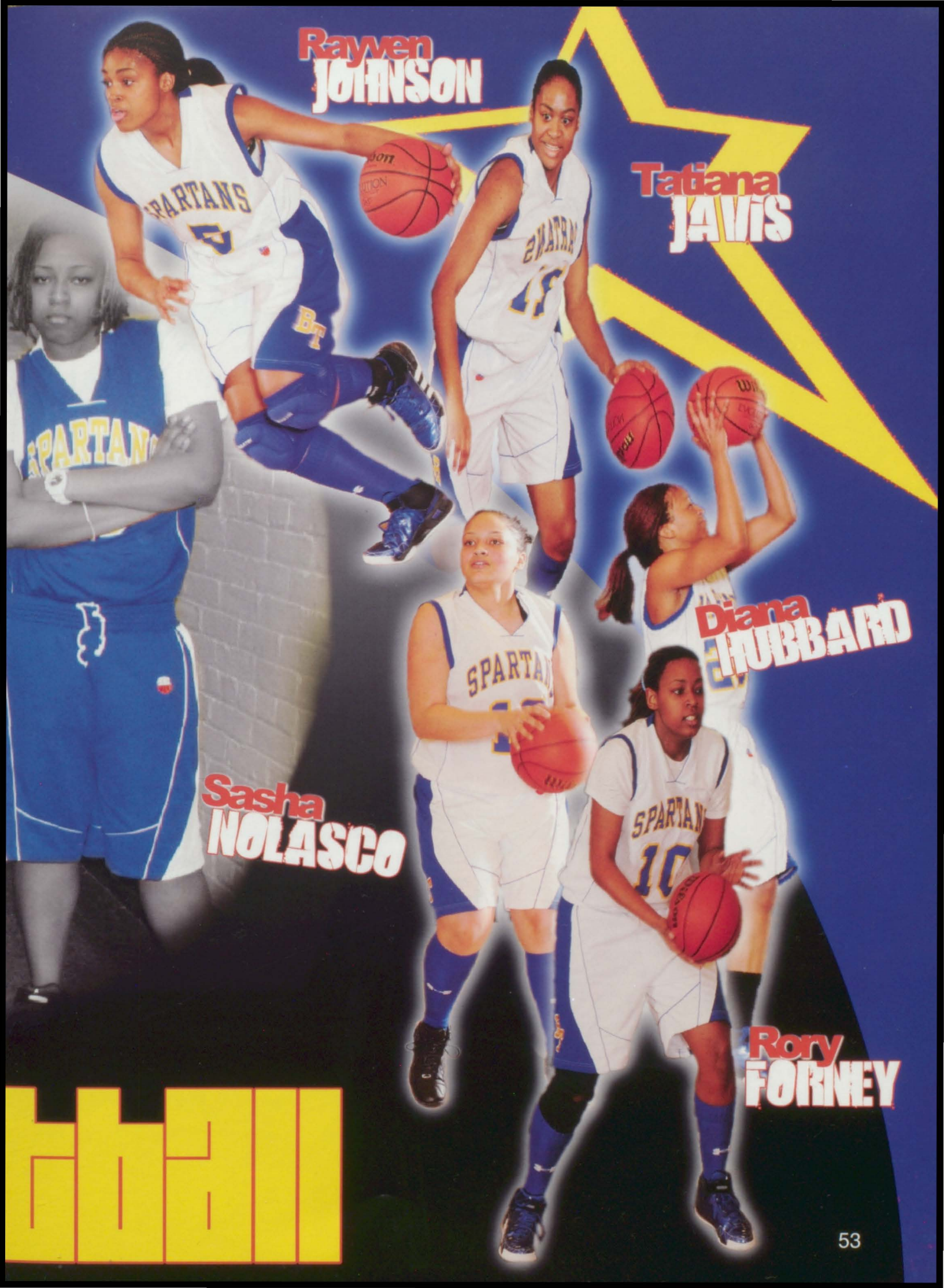
**Rayven  
JOHNSON**

**Tatiana  
JAVIS**

**Diana  
HUBBARD**

**Sasha  
NOLASCO**

**Rory  
FORNEY**





# BOYZ BASKETBALL

**Coaches:**

*Deffick*  
**BOBBITT**

*Khayri*  
**BATILE**



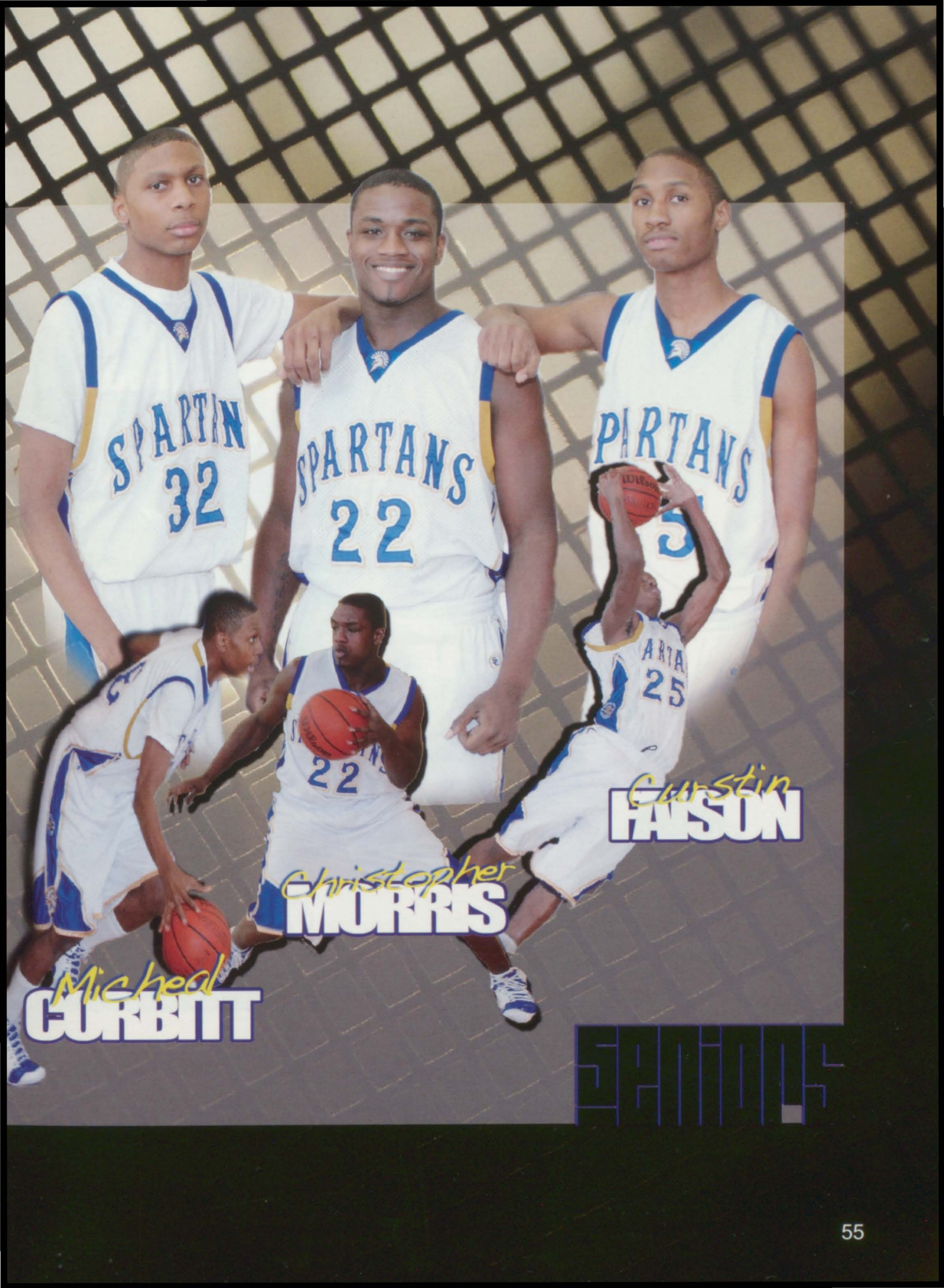
**#1 Asaad Bell JR**  
**#20 Rashid Sabur JR**  
**#10 Kevin Philemon JR**  
**#23 Corey Winston FR**  
**#33 Aaron Gowans JR**  
**#4 Thaddeus Haley JR**  
**#15 Wilson Cody SO**  
**#3 Mykhal Corbitt FR**

**JV  
and  
Varsity**

**#21 Faraji James FR**  
**#31 Yasim Simmons FR**  
**#25 Trevor Martindale FR**  
**#12 Nicholas Anderson JR**  
**#31 Reggie Anderson JR**  
**#5 Rian Hill FR**  
**Managers: Nataly Benjamin**  
**Demetry Mallory**

**2008-2009**





SPARTAN  
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Christopher  
MURRIS

Curstin  
HANSON

Michael  
CURBITT

SPARTANS





**Christina  
LOPEZ**



**Alexanderia  
FITZGERALD**



**Michelle  
GUZMAN**



SEE YA' ON THE FIELD!



**ANYONE.  
ANYWHERE.  
ANYTIME.**

*Bloomfield*  
**S O F T**





Keyonda  
**WILLIAMS**



Sasha  
**NOLASCO**



Sapphire  
**ZEDA**



2008-2009

ld Tech  
**BALL**







**11** | Jonathan Encarnacion



**24** | Mike Trani



**9** | Juan Cordero



SEE YA' ON THE FIELD!



ANYONE.  
ANYWHERE.  
ANYTIME.



2008

BLOOMFIELD  
BASEBALL





**25** | Keith McKoy



**22** | Aurelio Romero



**21** | Felix Morales



2009

ELD TECH  
BALL





Bloomfield  
Tech High  
School  
**SQUAD**



# CHEERLEADING SQUAD



**BT 08-09 SENIOR  
CHEER JOURNEY**







**What it takes 2 be a cheerleader :**

**\* Passion**

**\* Spirit**

**\* Talent**

**\* Pep**

**\* Flexibility**

**\* Positivity**

**\* Enthusiasm**

**\* Motivation**





Class of  
BT

2010



Juniors



*class of*  
**2011**

**BT**



*Sophomores*





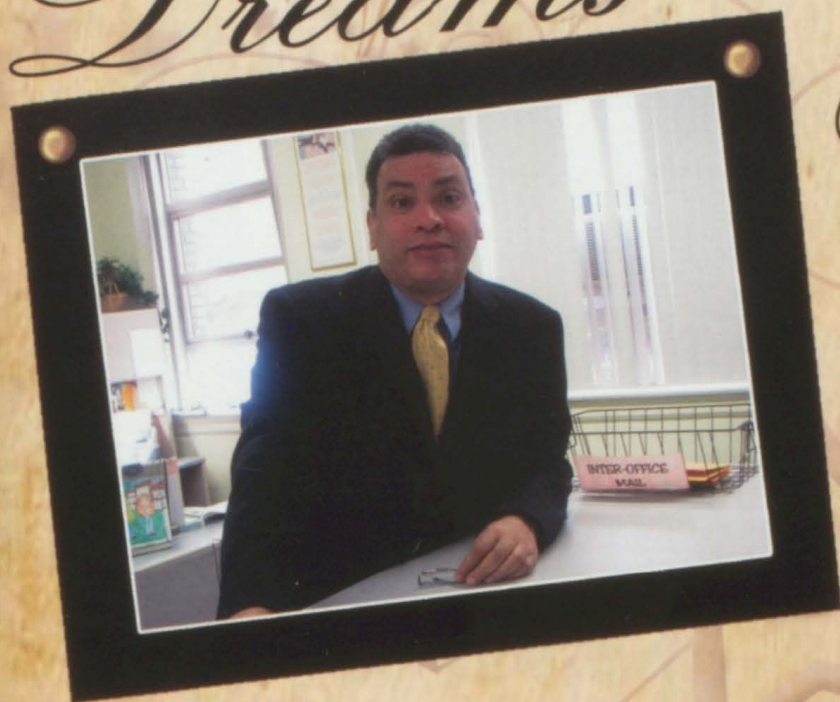
*Class of 2012*



*Freshmen*



Achieving  
your  
*Dreams*



*Congratulations*  
to the  
*Class of*  
*2009*



*From the*  
*main office staff*



# *Congratulations* to the Class of 09

*From:*

*Mr. Bertelsen, Mrs. Bonilla, Mr. Coletta,  
Ms. Morales, Mr. Rasheed, Mr. Romano,  
Ms. Sutton*



*Congratulations to the*



*From the Social Studies Department*

*"Once you learn to read,  
you will be forever free."*

*-Frederick Douglass*

*Because*

*"Knowledge is power."*

*-Sir Francis Bacon*

*So*

*"Read in order to live."*

*-Henry Fielding*

*Best wishes from:*

*Mrs. Garrison, Mr. Healy, Ms. Quijano,  
Mr. Shallcross, Ms. White, Mrs. Yamoah<sup>67</sup>*



Class of 2009

congratulations

to the nth degree!  $4 \times 2$

$$e=mc^2$$

FROM THE BLOOMFIELD TECH MATH AND SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENTS

$4 \times 2$

$$e=mc^2$$



MRS. ATFIELD, MS. DAVIDSON, MRS. DIAZ, MR. JAGNIATKOWSKI, MS. LANDIS,  
MR. MARKOT, MS. VANDERHEYDEN,

MR. JARGIELLO, MR. MENADIER, MRS. R. MORALES



*Cydney,*

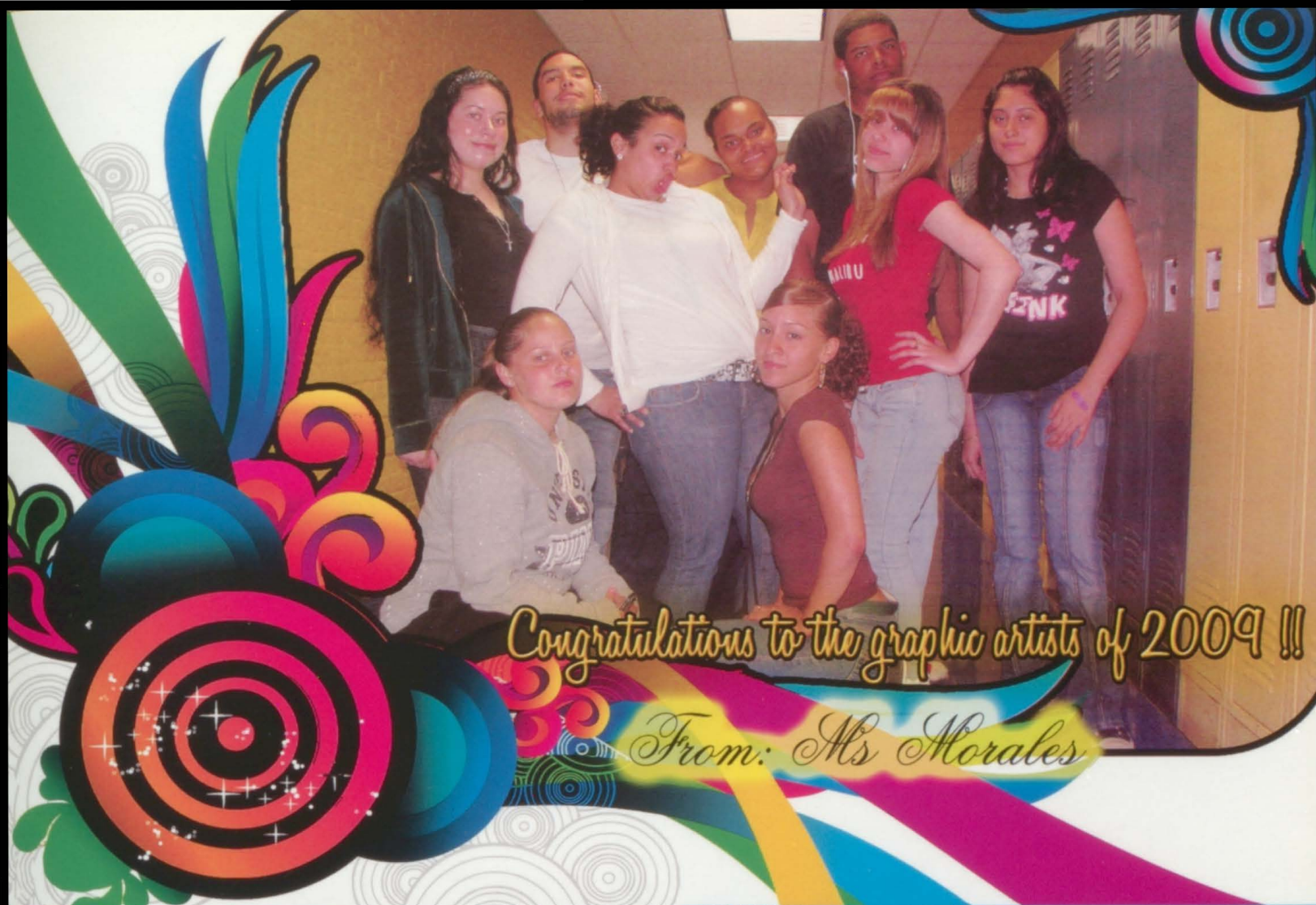
*Congratulation! You make us proud in all you do.  
We love for your grace, intelligence, and independence.  
You are true to yourself and we can only admire that.  
Enjoy this time in life Because it is as special as you are.  
We love you so much!! We are proud of you!!*

*Love,*

*Mommy and Savanna*







*Congratulations to the graphic artists of 2009 !!*

*From: Ms Morales*

Christina,

Congratulations on your h.s. graduation  
and on the beginning of your life as a young adult.  
As you go forward in life be fair, hardworking, persistent  
and quality oriented. The future is yours, go for it!

Always continue to educate yourself  
because knowledge is power. We're proud of you!!

God Bless you and guide you always.

Love,

Mami, Dad, Destinee, Anthony, Jr. and  
all your family.

beautiful

soul

*Congratulations!*

*Tati*



*Keep on in the right direction,  
you are capable of going much  
further. Good Luck.*

*With Love  
Grandma Stevenson*

love



# Autographs

Drop Some Love

Sign Your Name

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Two Thousand Nine

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Autographs

Write Something Sweet



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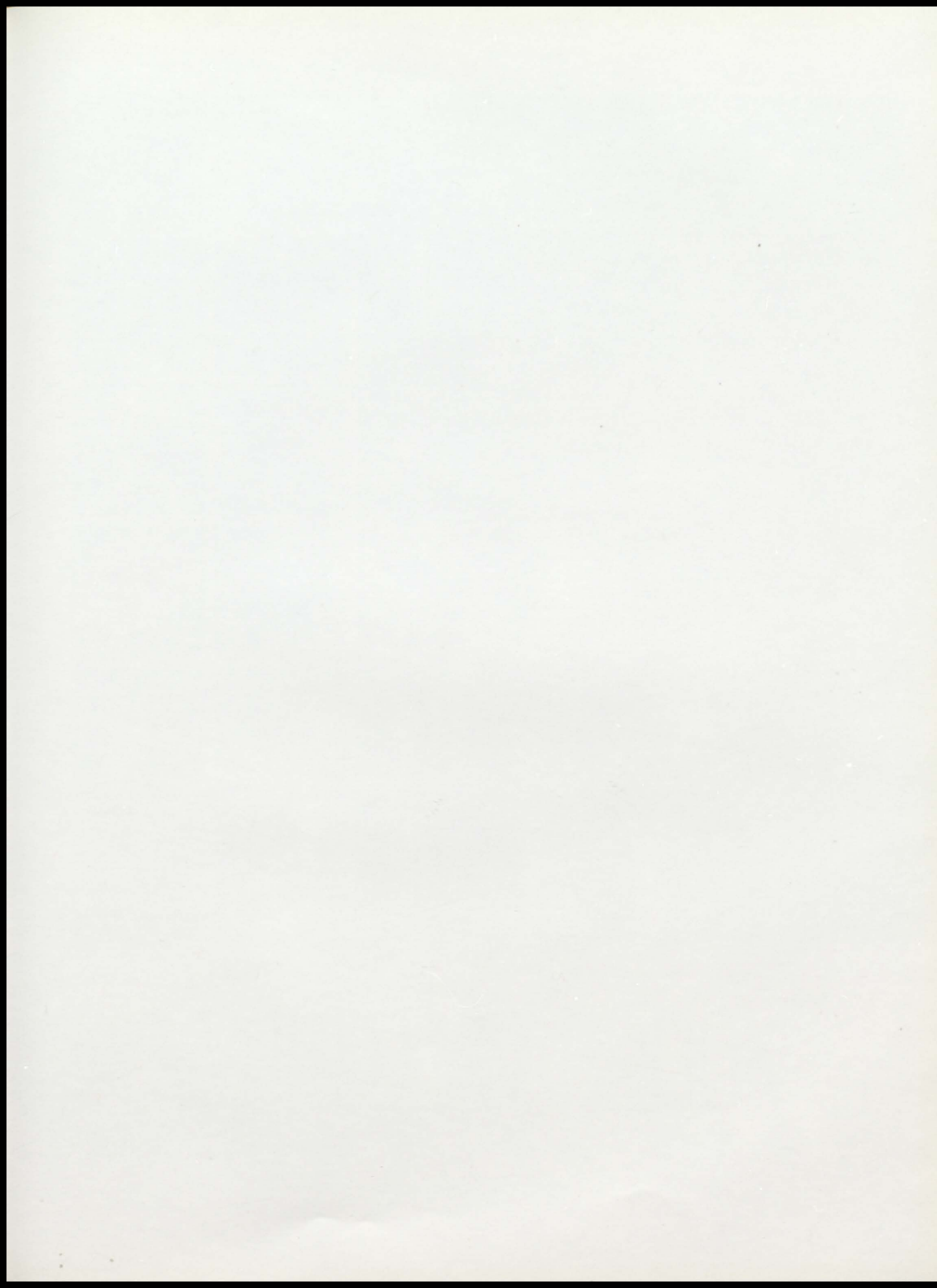
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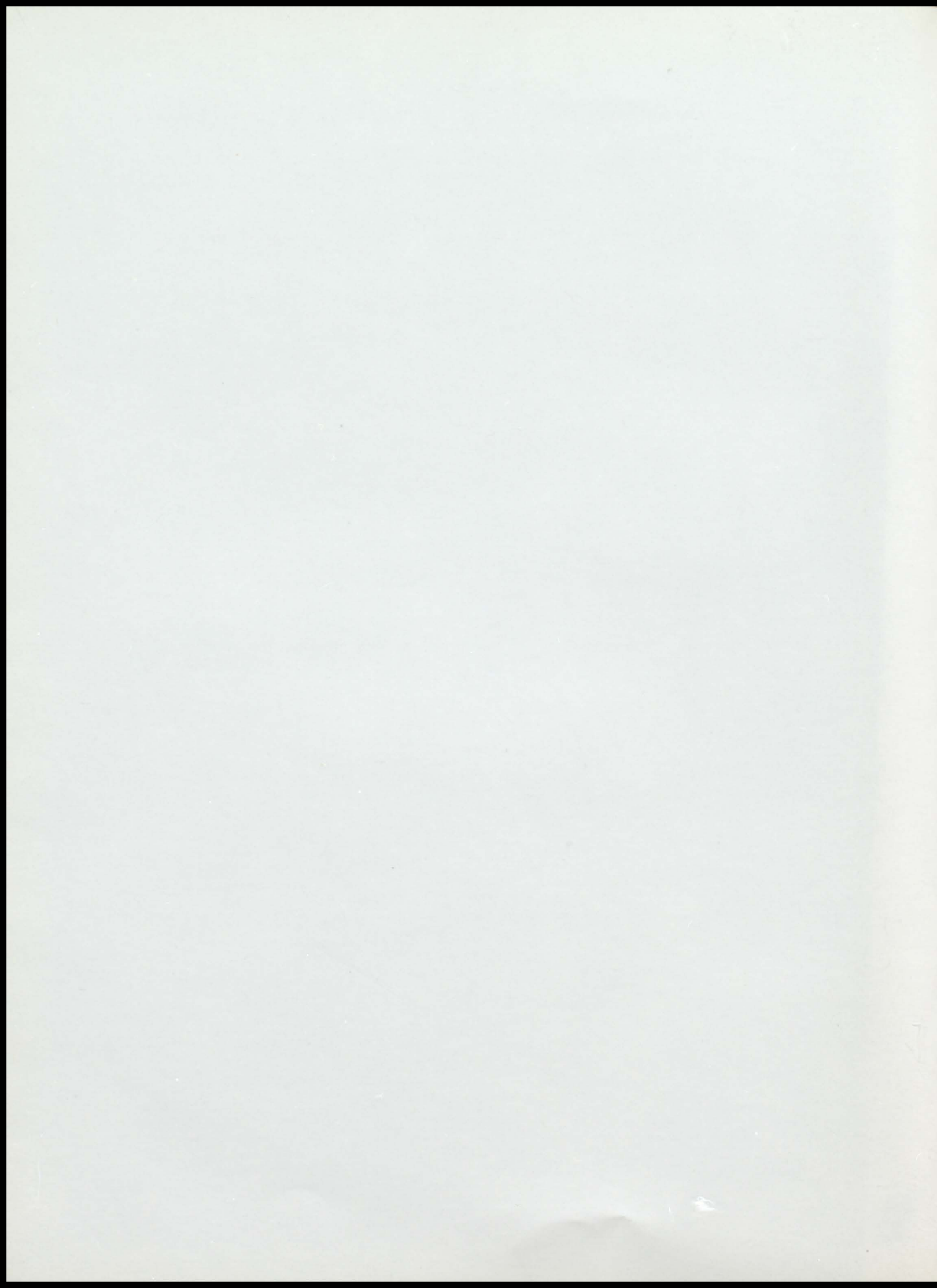
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Write Something Sweet











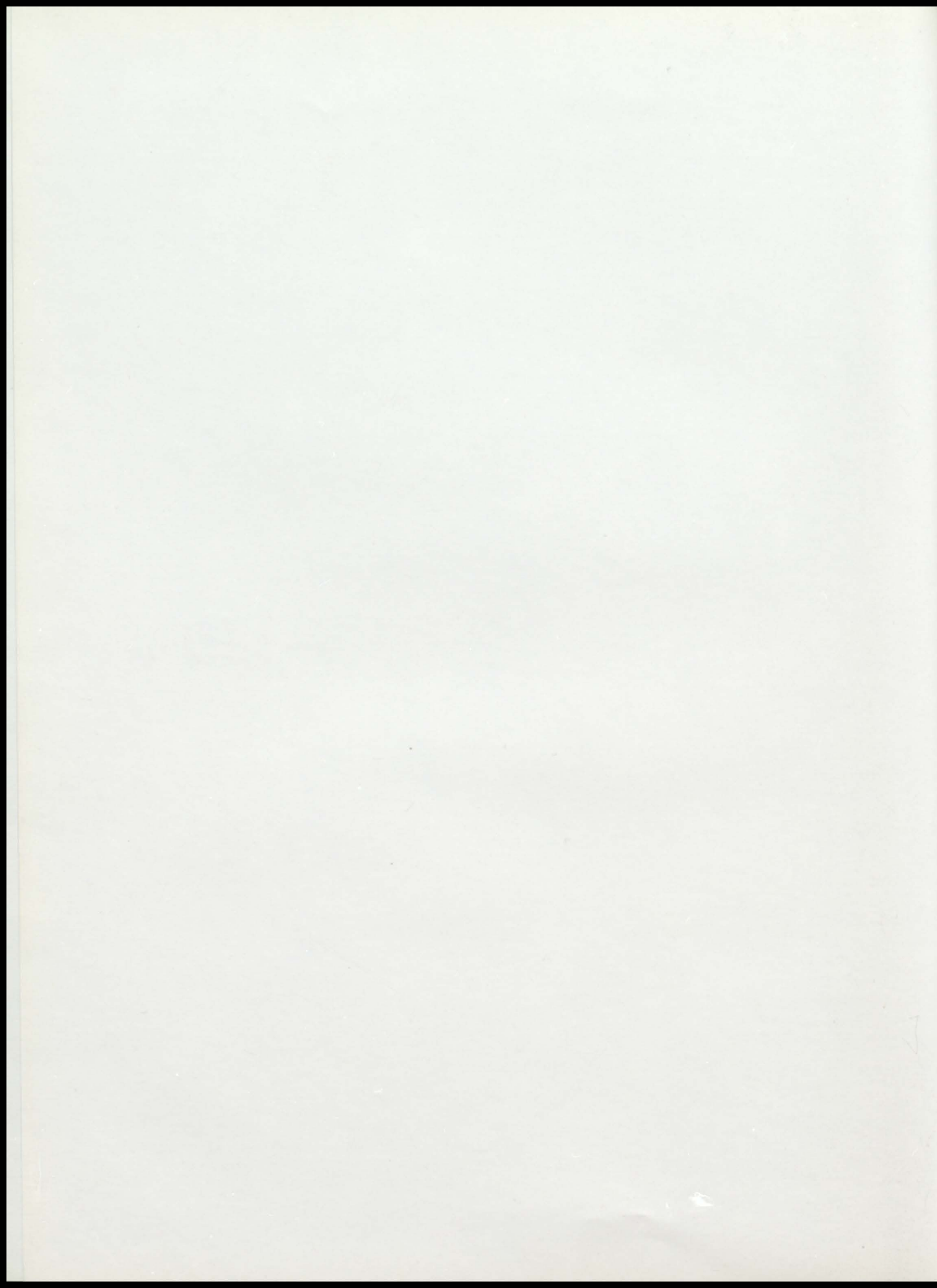


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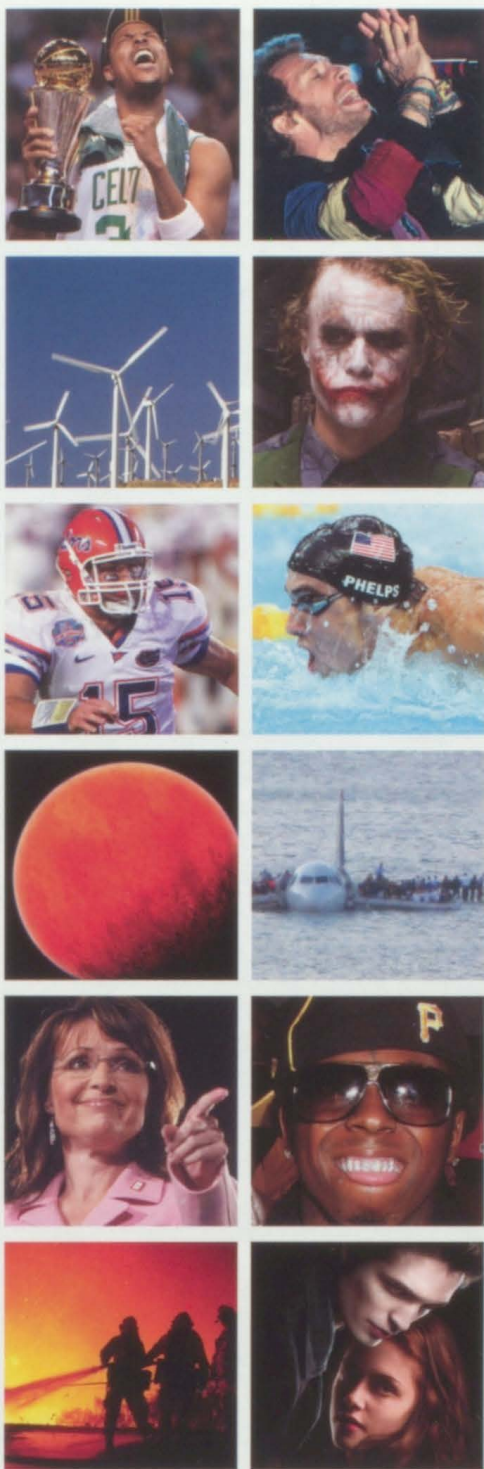
# WORLD YEARBOOK

JEFF JONES









2008-2009  
WORLD YEARBOOK

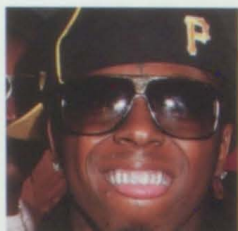


**TIGER WOODS** won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of a play-off. **BILL GATES**, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. **NASA's** space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.



#### NEW ORLEANS RAPPER

**LIL WAYNE** grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.



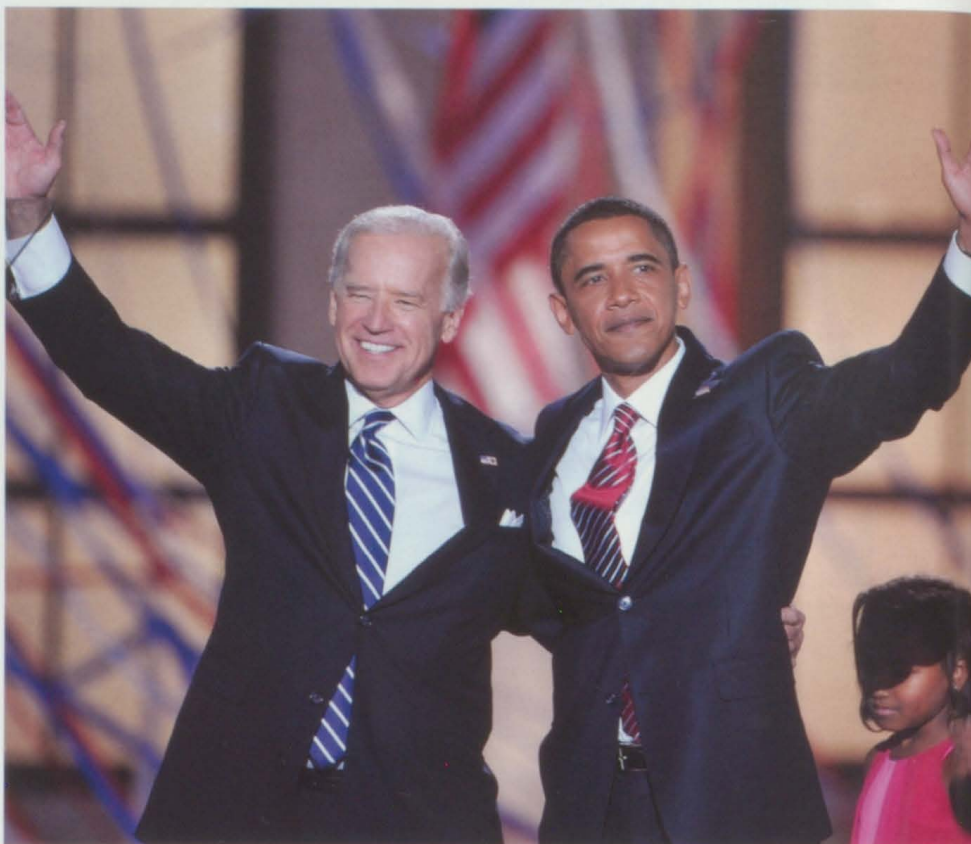
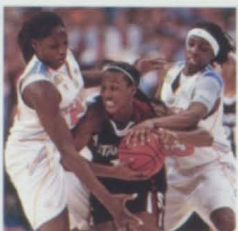
#### MIDWESTERN FLOODING

caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.



#### A TENNESSEE REPEAT

made Coach Pat Summitt's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year; Candace Parker won back-to-back MVP honors.



## OBAMA'S NOMINATION

made history when, on June 3, 2008, Barack Obama finally had what he needed — more than 2,118 delegates — to clinch the Democratic nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the United States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the right to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general election.



KANSAS WINS NCAA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 7

2008  
JUNE

9/11 SUSPECTS  
PUT ON TRIAL

ANA IVANOVIC WINS  
FRENCH OPEN

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RAFAEL NADAL  
WINS FRENCH OPEN

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APPLE ANNOUNCES  
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TOMATO SALMONELLA  
OUTBREAK



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**DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP** win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. **THE BOSTON CELTICS** won their 17<sup>th</sup> NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.



## 2008 WHAT YOU WERE READING

### BLOGS

WEB: [MASHABLE.COM](http://MASHABLE.COM)  
MUSIC: [BROOKLYNVEGAN.COM](http://BROOKLYNVEGAN.COM)  
TECHNOLOGY: [GIZMODO.COM](http://GIZMODO.COM)  
SHOPPING: [CONSUMERIST.COM](http://CONSUMERIST.COM)  
NEWS: [THEHUFFINGTONPOST.COM](http://THEHUFFINGTONPOST.COM)  
GREEN: [TREEHUGGER.COM](http://TREEHUGGER.COM)  
MEDIA: [TELEVISIONWITHOUTPIETY.COM](http://TELEVISIONWITHOUTPIETY.COM)  
POLITICAL: [DAILYKOS.COM](http://DAILYKOS.COM)

### BOOKS

1. **BREAKING DAWN** - MEYER
2. **TWILIGHT** - MEYER
3. **A NEW EARTH** - TOLLE
4. **THE LAST LECTURE** - PAUSCH
5. **NEW MOON** - MEYER
6. **ECLIPSE** - MEYER
7. **THE SHACK** - YOUNG
8. **TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD** - ROWLING
9. **BRISINGR** - PAOLINI
10. **EAT, PRAY, LOVE** - GILBERT

\*BOOKSCAN BESTSELLER LIST 2008

AIG FIRES CEO  
MARTIN SULLIVAN

MARS PROBE MAKES  
ICY DISCOVERY

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE  
ECLAIR DAY



FLORIDA  
PURCHASES  
187,000 ACRES  
TO PROTECT THE  
EVERGLADES

ROBERT MUGABE  
SWORN IN FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>  
TERM AS PRESIDENT  
OF ZIMBABWE

SPAIN WINS UEFA  
EURO CHAMPIONSHIP

TROPICAL STORM  
BERTHA KICKS OFF  
HURRICANE SEASON

JULY

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# "THE DARK KNIGHT," a sequel

to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than \$300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscar-winning chances and to surpass \$1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.

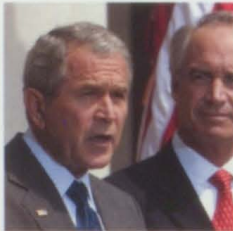
## TOUR DE FRANCE

winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95<sup>th</sup> title by just 58 seconds.



## PRESIDENT BUSH's

noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.



## STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES CLOSINGS

of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.



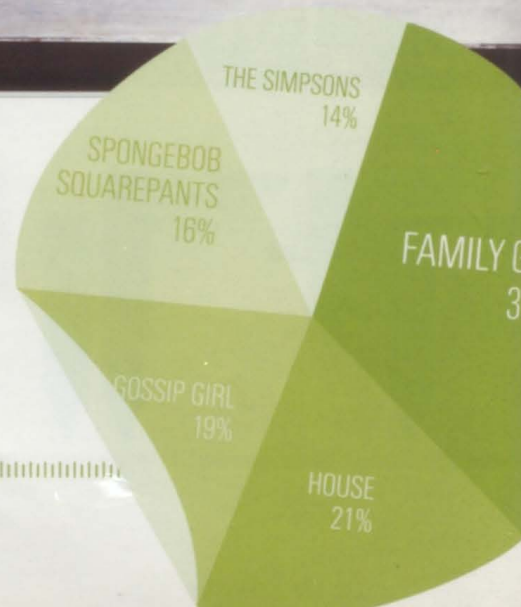
GOLFER PADRAIG HARRINGTON WINS BRITISH OPEN

GOVERNMENT PASSES HOUSING RESCUE PLAN

JAPAN GETS HIT WITH EARTHQUAKE REGISTERING AT 6.8

## FAVORITE TV SHOWS

\*TEENS AGES 12-19 (THE TRU STUDY: 2009)



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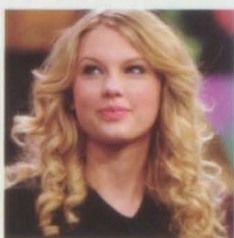
**VENUS WILLIAMS** defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown.



**THE JONAS BROTHERS** had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-show tour.



**JULY WILDFIRES** threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather.



**TAYLOR SWIFT** was the biggest selling artist of 2008, selling more than four million albums. She also performed with Def Leppard in a CMT "Crossroads" episode.

## TOP TEN FILMS OF 2008

1. **THE DARK KNIGHT**
2. **IRON MAN**
3. **HANCOCK**
4. **WALL-E**
5. **WANTED**
6. **SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2**
7. **STEP BROTHERS**
8. **MAMMA MIA!**
9. **INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL**
10. **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3**

(THE TRU STUDY: 2009 TEEN EDITION)



**MORE BABIES** joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France. In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.

BREAKING DAWN, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BOOK OF THE TWILIGHT SAGA, IS RELEASED



TEMPLE STAMPEDE IN INDIA KILLS 16 AND INJURES MORE THAN 50

MASSIVE EXPLOSIONS TAKE PLACE AT TORONTO PROPANE FACTORY

RUSSIA BOMBS GEORGIA

JAMAICAN SPRINTERS USAIN BOLT BREAKS WORLD RECORD IN THE 100-METER DASH



SOMALIAN PIRATES CAPTURE THREE SHIPS IN TWO DAYS

JOE BIDEN CHOSEN AS OBAMA'S RUNNING MATE



**OPENING CEREMONY** preparations of nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers.

**BERNIE MAC'S DEATH** saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor.



**THE OLYMPICS** meant national pride, athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds.



## OLYMPIC MEDALS



NATIONAL COW  
APPRECIATION DAY. GO  
HUG A COW



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HURRICANE GUSTAV  
WREAKS HAVOC  
ISRAEL RELEASES  
199 PALESTINIAN  
PRISONERS



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SARAH PALIN  
CHOSEN AS  
JOHN MCCAIN'S  
RUNNING MATE



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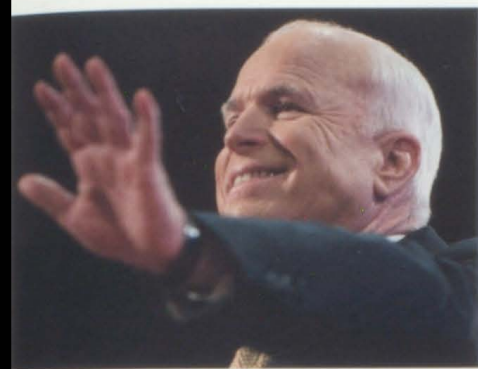
NATIONAL CHEESE  
PIZZA DAY



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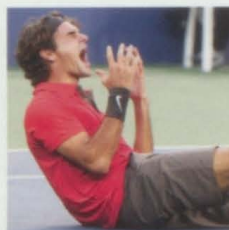


**REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN** accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years.



## TV/MOVIES IN 3-D

A NEW TREND IN FILM WAS DIGITAL 3-D. FILMS SUCH AS HANNAH MONTANA'S CONCERT FILM, "JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH" AND "BOLT" WERE COMMERCIAL HITS. AND 2009 FILMS "MONSTERS VS. ALIENS" AND "CORALINE" WERE EXPECTED TO IMPRESS AS WELL.



**ROGER FEDERER** won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain.



**U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS** won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze.



**THE FASTEST MAN EVER.** Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.

BANK OF AMERICA SIGNS A DEAL TO BUY MERRILL LYNCH FOR \$44 BILLION



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GENERAL PETRAEUS HANDS OVER CONTROL OF U.S. FORCES IN IRAQ, AND WILL TAKE CHARGE OF U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND



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RWANDA BECOMES FIRST NATION WHERE WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN IN THE PARLIAMENT

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY



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A PRIVATE JET CARRYING SIX PEOPLE CRASHES; FOUR PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED DEAD AND PERFORMERS TRAVIS BARKER AND HIS PARTNER DJ-AM WERE INJURED IN THE CRASH



**NINTENDO WII FIT** allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. **U.S. TROOPS** remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil.



**TWILIGHT**, the first in a series of romantic/vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.



**WIND FARMS** continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas, Iowa and California led production.



**GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND** continued their battle for virtual musicians; with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.



## GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS

were back in the news for the first time since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a \$30 million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a series of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment businesses were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a \$700 billion financial bailout package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financial institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidemic.



BACK TO BACK  
OUTSTANDING COMEDY  
SERIES EMMYS GO TO  
NBC'S 30 ROCK

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NEW YORK BEATS THE  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES 7-3 IN  
THEIR LAST HOME GAME AT  
YANKEE STADIUM

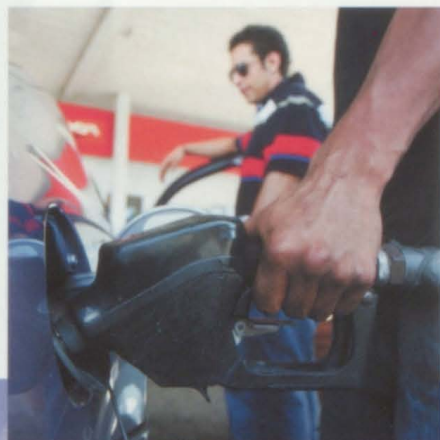
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DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE  
BARACK OBAMA RAISED \$150 MILLION IN  
SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE  
MOST RAISED IN ONE MONTH

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OCTOBER





**WORLD SERIES RAIN DELAYS** caused a two-day wait for the Philadelphia Phillies, who eventually won their first title since 1980, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in five games. **HURRICANE AFFECTS GAS PRICES** in the Southeast as shortages caused lines and lengthy waits for gas costing nearly \$5 a gallon following Hurricane Ike which caused damage in oil fields, pipelines and coastal properties.



## WORLD RECORD THRILLER

A GROUP OF LOS ANGELES ZOMBIES NAMED 'THRILL THE WORLD LOS ANGELES' PERFORMED MICHAEL JACKSON'S "THRILLER" DANCE ROUTINE AT THE HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND CENTER ON SAT. OCT. 25, 2008 AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE LARGEST SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE; 55 CITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT.



A SEARCH TEAM FINDS THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRPLANE FLOWN BY ADVENTURER STEVE FOSSETT IN THE MOUNTAINS OF MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



A LAS VEGAS JURY FINDS DJ SIMPSON GUILTY OF 12 CHARGES, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING AND ARMED ROBBERY



FORMER FINNISH PRESIDENT MARTI AHTISAARI IS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



AMERICAN SPACE TOURIST RICHARD GARRIOTT RETURNS TO EARTH AFTER SPENDING \$30 MILLION FOR 10 DAYS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY



**POLLING DAY** lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours.



**CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK** was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.



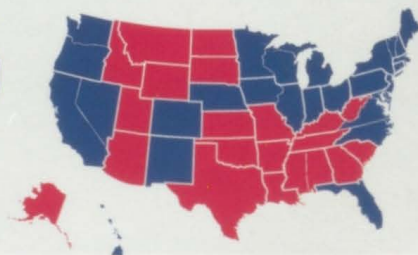
## 2008 ELECTION RESULTS

POPULAR VOTE  
OBAMA - 66,882,230  
McCAIN - 58,343,671

ELECTORAL COLLEGE  
**OBAMA**  
**McCAIN** 173

365

270 to win



JAPANESE MONKEY, YAT-CHAN, MAKES NEWS AS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE AND ALSO WAITS TABLES AT HIS OWNER'S RESTAURANT

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SENATOR TED STEVENS, CONVICTED OF SEVEN COUNTS OF CORRUPTION, HEADS HOME TO ALASKA WHERE HE'S RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCREASED ITS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPTURING AT LEAST SIX SENATE SEATS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND EXCEEDING THE 218 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE

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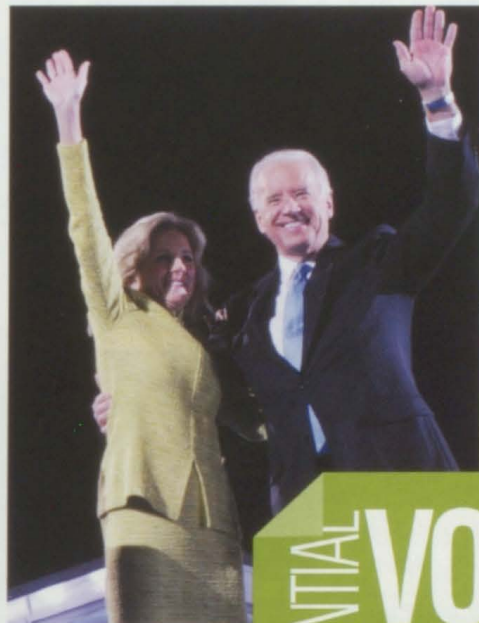
NOVEMBER





## VICTORY SPEECH

Flanked by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10), Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.



**SHEPARD FAIREY's** collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. **GLOBAL REACTION** generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.

## INFLUENTIAL VOTING ISSUES

GAS PRICES **46.2%**  
ECONOMY **37.5%**  
ENVIRONMENT **30.1%**  
EDUCATION **24.2%**  
IRAQ **22.1%**  
HEALTH CARE **20.5%**  
TAXES **17.2%**

\*TEENS AGES 12-19 (THE TRU STUDY: 2009)



LT. GEN. ANN E. DUNWOODY IS PROMOTED TO GENERAL, BECOMING AMERICA'S FIRST FOUR-STAR FEMALE GENERAL

TRL (TOTAL REQUEST LIVE) ENDS ITS TEN-YEAR MTV RUN, FALLING VICTIM TO SAGGING RATINGS

13 YEARS IN THE MAKING, GUNS 'N' ROSES RELEASES NEW ALBUM, "CHINESE DEMOCRACY"



### THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD

**EVER** was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.

**HILLARY CLINTON**, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.



**F-18 CRASHES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD** in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.



**ROD BLAGOJEVICH**, governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.



**COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN**, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."



NATIONAL  
CAKE DAY

NASA DELAYS  
LAUNCHING OF MARS  
SCIENCE LABORATORY  
DUE TO TECHNOLOGY  
ISSUES

THE REPUBLIC OF  
IRELAND RECALLS ALL  
IRISH PORK PRODUCTS  
AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF  
CONTAMINATED FOOD

RIOTS BREAK OUT IN ATHENS AFTER A  
GREEK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
SHOTS A TEENAGER FOR THROWING  
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ANNOUNCES PLANS  
TO CUT 8,000 JOBS

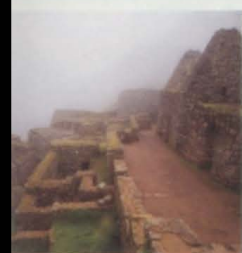
THE WHITE HOUSE AND U.S.  
CONGRESS AGREE ON A  
PROPOSAL FOR A U.S. \$15  
BILLION BAILOUT PACKAGE  
FOR THREE MAJOR U.S.  
AUTOMAKERS.

DECEMBER



# LEAN HOLIDAY SALES

reflected the struggling economy. A decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."



**RUINS OF A CITY** from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. **A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM** left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

## 2008 TOP iTunes DOWNLOADS

### TRACKS

1. LEONA LEWIS - BLEEDING LOVE
2. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
3. FLO RIDA - LOW
4. KATY PERRY - I KISSED A GIRL
5. RIHANNA - DISTURBIA
6. LIL WAYNE - LOLLIPOP
7. JORDIN SPARKS - NO AIR
8. NATASHA BEDINGFIELD - POCKETFUL OF SUNSHINE
9. SARAH BAREILLES - LOVE SONG
10. RIHANNA - DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

### ALBUMS

1. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
2. JACK JOHNSON - SLEEP THROUGH THE STATIC
3. JUNO - SOUNDTRACK
4. LIL WAYNE - THA CARTER III
5. SARA BAREILLES - LITTLE VOICE
6. ONCE - SOUNDTRACK
7. JASON MRAZ - WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL
8. ONEREPUBLIC - DREAMING OUTLOUD
9. ACROSS THE UNIVERSE - SOUNDTRACK
10. LEONA LEWIS - SPIRIT



THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA FINDS THEONESTE BAGOSORA GUILTY OF GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES AND SENTENCES HIM TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

75,000 PEOPLE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA ARE DISPLACED BY FLOODING CAUSED BY TIDAL SWELLS

THREE SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS CABLES BREAK, DISRUPTING INTERNET AND TELEPHONE TRANSMISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

THE WINNING DESIGN FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ICONIC ROUTEMASTER DOUBLE-DECKER TOUR BUS IS ANNOUNCED

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP. FORECASTS FIRST OPERATING LOSS IN 70 YEARS DUE TO AUTO INDUSTRY TROUBLES



**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS** won their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma.

Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. **A SOLAR ECLIPSE**, the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.



**"24" RETURNS TO FOX** for a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The award-winning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.



**THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC**, played outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.



**AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY** was declared on Jan. 5, after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal.



## A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

allowed all 155 aboard US Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during a LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetliner over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers waited on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vessels.

**2009**  
JANUARY

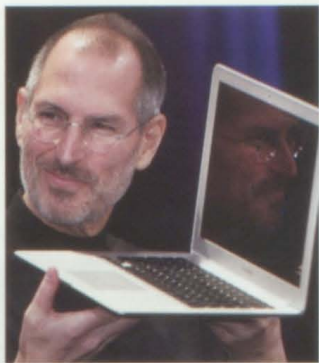
13-YEAR OLD CALIFORNIA GIRL TEXTS 14,528 TIMES IN ONE MONTH. GETS RESTRICTED FROM TEXTING AFTER DINNER BY PARENTS

BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS INTEREST RATES TO 1.5%, ITS LOWEST IN 115 YEARS



INDIANAPOLIS COLTS' TONY DUNGY RETIRES FROM COACHING FOOTBALL





**"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC** with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. **APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS** announced a leave of absence in January, citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.



## BY THE NUMBERS INAUGURATION DAY

**\$150**  
MILLION  
ESTIMATED FINAL COST  
OF THE INAUGURATION  
AND RELATED EVENTS

**8,000** POLICE, **7,500**  
MILITARY AND **10,000**  
NATIONAL GUARD PER-  
SONNEL, NOT COUNTING  
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UP SECURITY TOTALING  
**25,500**

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SECONDS  
NUMBER OF OFF-  
ICIAL BALLS DURING  
THE INAUGURATION

TIME IT TOOK  
FOR PARADE  
ROUTE SEATS  
TO SELL OUT  
COMPLETELY  
**10**

**4,000**<sup>112</sup>  
TWO MILLION  
FACEBOOK STATUS UPDATES PER MINUTE  
DURING OBAMA'S INAUGURATION SPEECH  
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ESTIMATED IN ATTENDANCE  
OF THE INAUGURATION SPEECH OF BARACK OBAMA.

LIGHTBULBS REPLACED IN LAMP-  
POSTS ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
PARADE ROUTE DURING PREPARATION



PEANUT BUTTER  
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DUE TO HUNDREDS  
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BARACK OBAMA,  
THE 44<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT,  
IS INAUGURATED A  
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APPLE CELEBRATES  
THE 25<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE RELEASE OF ITS  
FIRST COMPUTER,  
THE APPLE 2E.



# THE STEEL CURTAIN

's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again gave Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by MVP Santonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that also included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remaining.

**USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH**, a new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41<sup>st</sup> president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.



**LAST EPISODE OF "THE LATE SHOW"** with Conan O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June, O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.



**LIFE ON MARS** was considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.



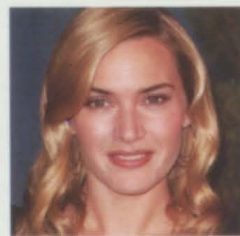
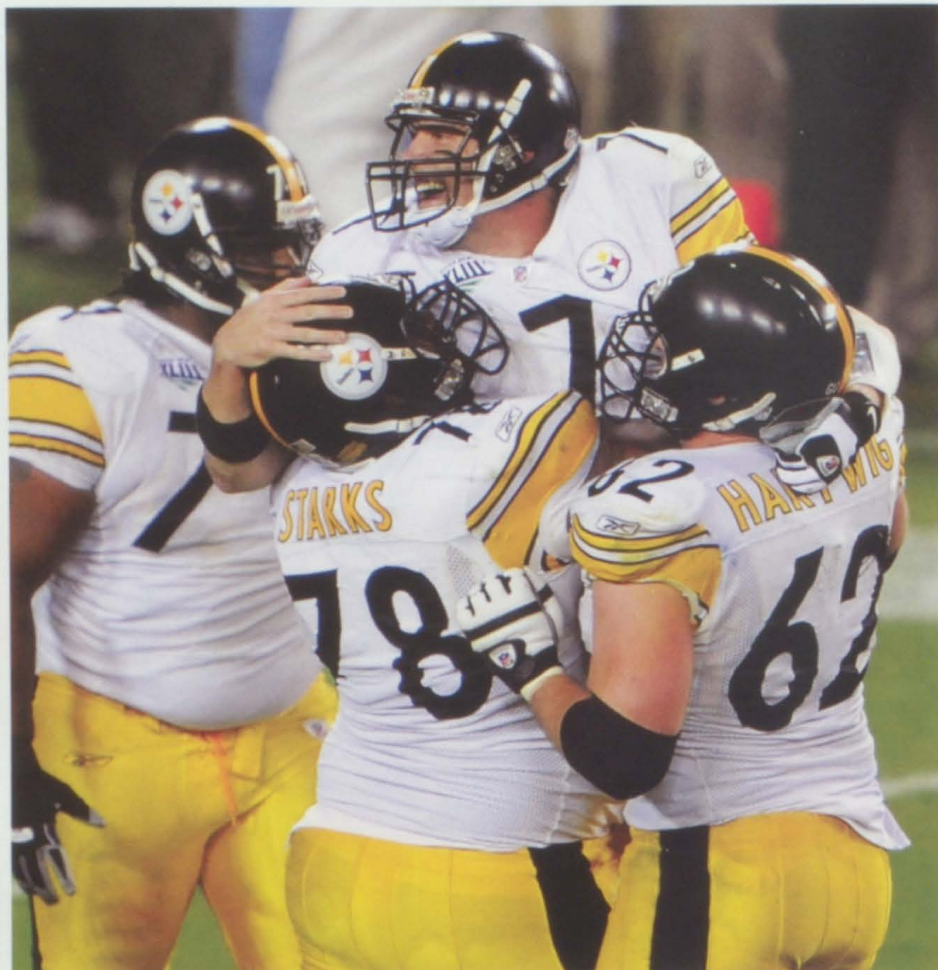
**BRITISH SINGER ADELE** won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."



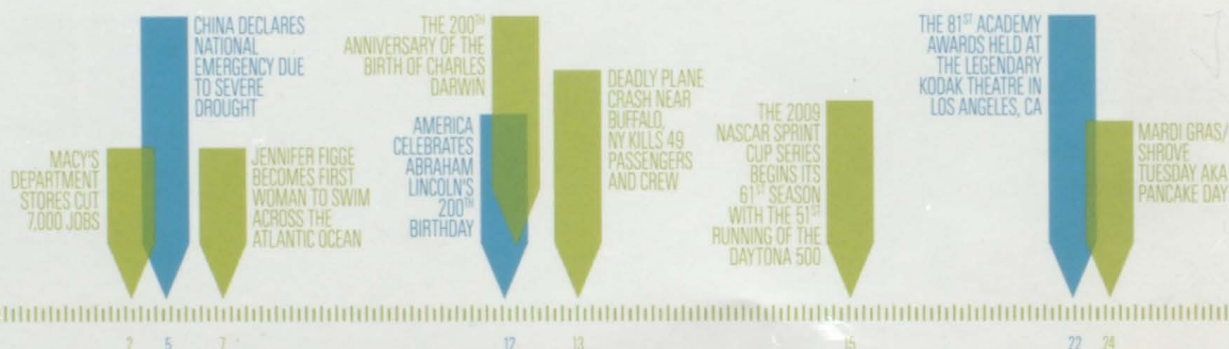
**JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA** erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky.



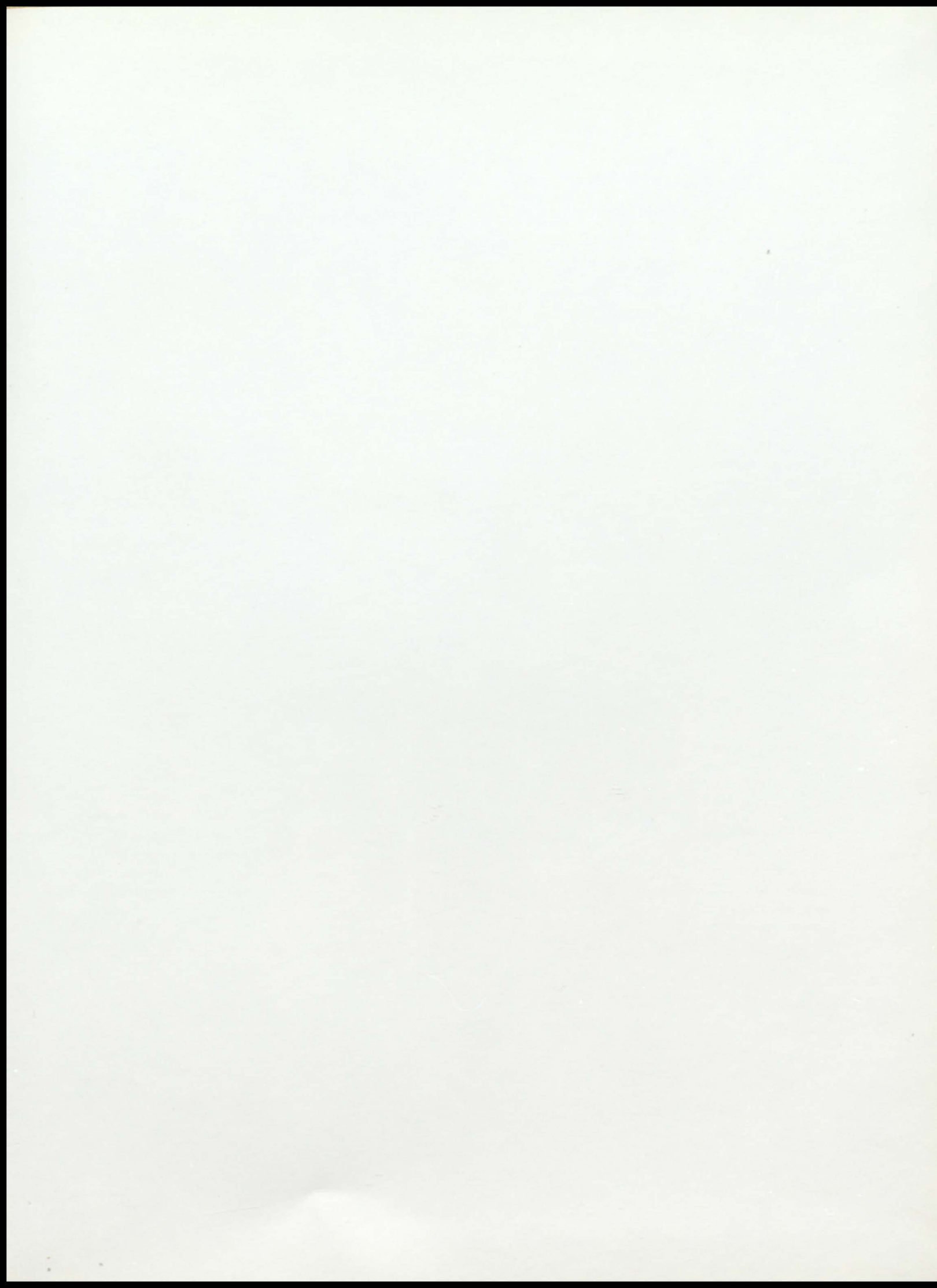
**FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE:** with 150 million users, the business is worth more than \$1 billion.



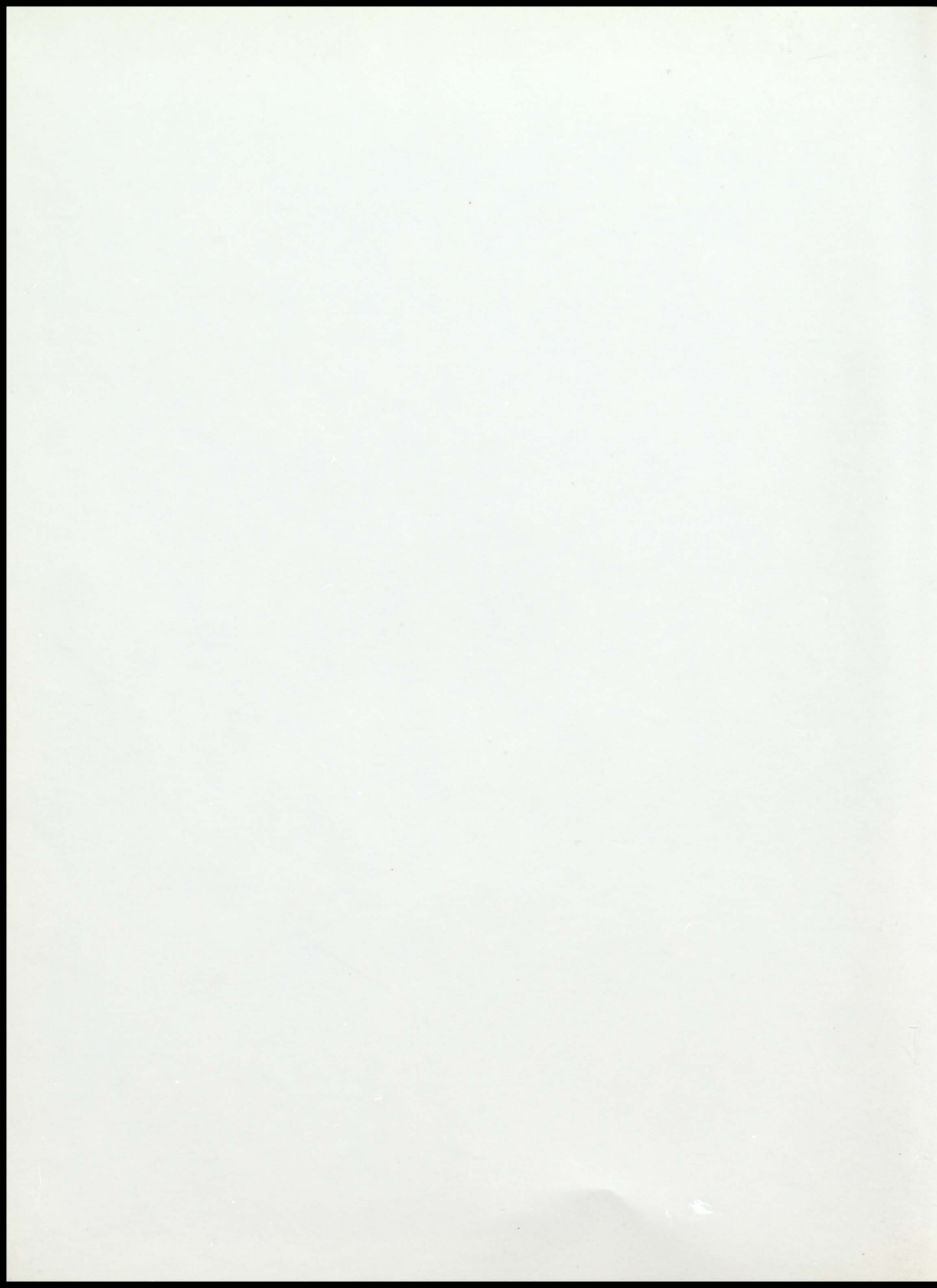
**KATE WINSLETT'S TWO GOLDEN GLOBES** as supporting actress in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended her streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."



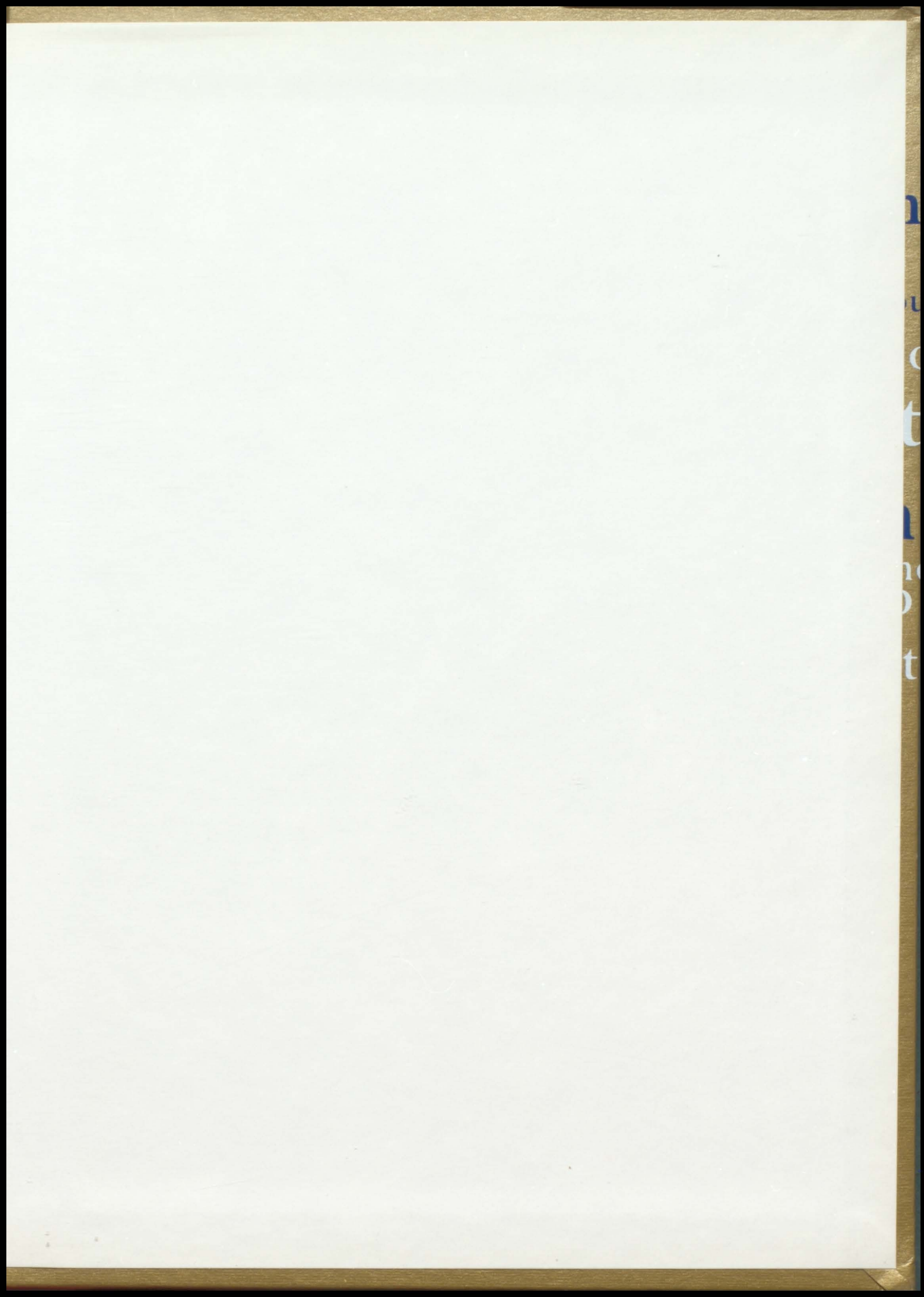














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